

Hint Confirmation Of Luzon Landings

WASHINGTON (AP)—In an official hint at confirmation of U.S. landings on Luzon, President Roosevelt told reporters this afternoon they might get some news late today from Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Victor Emmanuel Suffers Stroke

NEW YORK (AP)—The Berlin radio tonight said King Victor Emmanuel of Italy had suffered a light stroke, "which, however, was not fatal."

The broadcast by the Transocean agency said "it was officially declared Tuesday that all rumors concerning his death were entirely unfounded." The King was 75 years old Nov. 11.

Asks Army Release On Habeas Corpus

MONTREAL (CP)—Mr. Justice Louis Cousineau today in a judgment believed to be the first of its kind in Canada since the war started, authorized a writ of habeas corpus to be issued for the appearance in Superior Court here of Marcel Bossy, a conscripted soldier, to determine whether he is legally detained as a soldier in the armed forces.

45 to 50 Years For Supply Looters

PARIS (AP)—Four U.S. enlisted men were sentenced to from 45 to 50 years at hard labor today by a general court martial which convicted them of looting supply trains and diverting cigarettes and rations into the French black market.

One witness testified that a huge stream of cigarettes moving toward the front from the U.S. dwindled at one time almost to the vanishing point before reaching Paris.

Federal Cabinet Discusses Strike

OTTAWA (CP)—Labor Minister Mitchell, after conferring with departmental officials on the strike of B.C. coast streetcar and bus operators left his offices this afternoon to attend a meeting of the federal cabinet.

Mr. Mitchell said he had no statement after his departmental discussions but it was understood the strike would be discussed by the cabinet. Should the government decide to take over the B.C. Electric Company's strike-bound transportation system cabinet approval would be necessary in an order-in-council passed under the War Measures Act.

Russians Check Nazi Counterblow

MOSCOW (AP)—Red Army troops have halted the big German counterattack northwest of Budapest and considerably slowed the attack beating in on the west of the Hungarian capital, front dispatches said tonight.

Within 24 hours, the Soviets may recapture the initiative against the Nazis.

\$2,000,000 Asked For Education Grant

The provincial government today was asked by the Union of B.C. Municipalities, in collaboration with the Provincial Council for School Taxation Reform, to grant immediately \$2,000,000 as an interim grant towards lifting the costs of education from property.

The Reform Council comprises the B.C. School Trustees' Association, B.C. Teachers' Federation, Vancouver Property Owners' Association, B.C. Federation of Agriculture and the B.C. Fruit Growers' Association.

May Shorten War

U.S. 12th ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS (AP)—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley said today that the German offensive in the Ardennes may have reduced the enemy's ability to prolong the war.

Asks Equal Rights

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—Racial and other forms of discrimination would be prohibited at hotels, restaurants, athletic arenas and diverse other places under terms of an equal civil rights bill introduced in the Washington State Senate today by Senator Kevin Henahan (Dem., King County).

Coach Lines Drivers Vote Wednesday

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

No Sign of Settlement In Tram Strike

All Men to Ballot On Regional Board Back to Work Move

Striking Vancouver Island Coach Lines drivers will meet here, from all points on the island, Wednesday night at 7 to vote on a proposal advanced by the Regional War Labor Board in an effort to end the bus tie-up this fourth day.

Announcement of that arrangement was made by J. Ready, secretary-treasurer of the drivers' union, who returned this morning from Vancouver sittings of the regional board. He declined to announce the proposal which had been submitted by the board.

Wednesday night, he said, was the earliest at which all drivers could be assembled here, which means the buses will be idle again tomorrow.

Labor Minister George S. Pearson, chairman of the Regional War Labor Board, said the men would be voting on the promise by the board that it would come across to Victoria and deal immediately with the case, trying for a satisfactory solution, if the men went back to work.

BLUE LINE NEGOTIATING

Meanwhile negotiations continued between Blue Line drivers, still operating, and H. L. Sangster, general manager of the company, over a new agreement.

A. H. Hart, union president, said the drivers' committee had met with Sangster Monday and submitted a proposal. It had been rejected by Mr. Sangster who in turn submitted a counter proposal. The latter was turned down by the drivers at a meeting last

ing into the early hours this morning.

Today, Mr. Hart said, the drivers' committee sought another meeting with Mr. Sangster in an effort to reach agreement on a specific clause. The nature of that clause was not divulged, but Monday the union president said he hoped to see the scale set for the B.C. Electric employees applied to all drivers.

SAANICH ACTIVE

Saanich's special transportation committee, headed by Councillor George Austin and including Councillors Wm. White, Robt. Noble and W. Kersey, planned a meeting tonight to determine the municipality's position in respect to operation of a bus system. No definite word had been received up to noon today from Saanich's legal counsel over the corporation's rights in the matter. If the council's right was proved action might be taken to supply a transportation service, it was understood.

Early offers by drivers to operate buses and by the Vancouver Island Coach Lines to provide vehicles to transport essential war workers to their plants was dropped owing to the difficulty of identifying war workers among passengers.

Mayor P. E. George, surprised at Ottawa's failure to acknowledge his telegram urging an independent commission to study the whole transportation question here, today voiced disappointment no settlement had been reached.

British in Shwebo North of Mandalay

KANDY, Ceylon (CP)—Indian troops of the British 14th Army have entered Shwebo, 46 miles north of the big upper Burma city of Mandalay, a southeast Asia command communiqué announced today.

Enemy positions at Kin-U, 15 miles northwest of Shwebo on the Myitkyna-Mandalay railway, were also captured, the bulletin added.

Ask Wage Increase For 2 Rail Groups

OTTAWA (CP)—The National War Labor Board today heard and reserved decisions on two applications by the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees (C.B.R.E.) for the inclusion of two groups of workers in the general wage increase of 6 cents an hour granted the workers on Canadian steam railways last July.

The brotherhood asked that the increase apply to some 500 cartage workers employed by the Canadian National Railways in the Atlantic and central regions and to 50 sectionmen, bridge tenders and station service employees of the Montreal and Southern Counties Railway, a C.N.R. subsidiary.

Canadian Leads Attack On Fiord

LONDON (CP)—Squad Leader W. R. Christison, D.F.C., of Lennoxville, Que., led an attack on a group of German merchantmen Monday when Beaufighters of the R.A.F. coastal command fired rockets and cannon in Lyse Fjord, Norway.

Airmen in planes following Christison's plane saw hits above and below the waterline on two large vessels and reported rockets went right through one ship and out the other side. Every ship appeared to have been hit.

FO. Y. A. Wallace of Port Arthur, Ont., commanded another Beaufighter in the attack.

'Flying Windmills' for the Allies



Quantity production of helicopters is now under way at Nash-Kelvinator's Detroit, Mich., plant. The unusual photo above shows a trio of the R-6's during demonstration for military observers and industry officials at the plant airport. The machines are being made to the order of the U.S. army.

Another U.S. Convoy Reported At Luzon; Tokyo, Formosa Bombed

By LEONARD MILLIMAN SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A second U.S. invasion convoy was reported to have joined the assault on Luzon Island's Lingayen Gulf today as Superforts and carrier planes blasted Japan's Formosa-Ryukyu Island reinforcement line to the Philippines. Other strong B-29 forces bombed Tokyo.

Contradictory Japanese broadcasts reported successively that 15,000 soldiers had failed in a landing attempt at Lingayen, 110 miles north of Manila; that 70 bombing U.S. warships had turned and fled; that a "second enemy convoy" had reached the Lingayen "combat zone" and its escorting warships had joined the "first enemy convoy" in shelling coastal fortresses.

Tokyo said 150 transports were in the second convoy, more than double the size of the first. A third 150-ship convoy was reported on the way.

The Tokyo radio reported U.S. warships, which began bombarding Lingayen last Saturday, were

slackening their fire, "evidently due to the loss of regular aircraft carriers."

Earlier the Domei news agency had said U.S. warships steamed away Monday morning with Japanese planes in hot pursuit. It said some warships were sighted in flames west of Manila.

2ND BLOW IN WEEK Japanese propagandists poured out their confusion of reports as Vice-Admiral John S. McCain's fast carrier forces combined with B-29s in a day-long raid on Formosa and three of the most important Ryukyu Islands. It was their second blow within a week.

These attacks were in strategic support of the reported operations on Luzon, shutting off Japanese air reinforcements which might replace those destroyed in a two-day, round-the-clock bombardment of Luzon by U.S. sea-borne and land-based planes.

A U.S. Pacific Fleet communiqué told of the new blow at Formosa, supply point for enemy armed forces in the Philippines, and major air fields in the Ryukyus, which link Formosa with Japan proper. Carrier pilots swept over Okinawa, Ishigaki and Miyako Jima in the Ryukyus. Okinawa was raided in last week's two-day Formosa attack which heralded intensified activity in the Philippines.

Details were not available, indicating the attack was continuing.

Japanese army headquarters on Formosa reported 450 carrier planes attacked the islands for nearly 10 hours.

Italians Riot

ROME (CP-Reuters)—The Italian government announced tonight that one officer and a number of soldiers were killed and 10 soldiers are missing following a clash between troops and rioters protesting against a military call-up at Giarratana in the province of Ragusa, Sicily.

Urge \$1,500 a Year

TORONTO (CP)—Legislation under which all workers in Ontario would receive a minimum salary of \$1,500 a year was recommended today in a legislative program submitted to Premier George Drew and his Cabinet by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

The brief requested the Legislature be enacted at the next session of the Ontario Legislature.

Allies Nearing Last Escape Road From Nazi Bulge

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS (AP)—Allied troops, driving through a blinding blizzard into the northern flank of the Belgian bulge, reached a point today less than three miles from the St. Vith-Houffalize road, last lateral supply and escape artery in the salient.

For the second time in 24 hours the Germans tonight were pulling back from the western tip of the salient as British troops advanced south of Marche. Roger D. Greene, AP correspondent north of the bulge, said "events suggest the next 12 to 24 hours may provide the turning point in the great battle."

A big tank battle broke out for Samree, three miles northeast of Larochette, where the U.S. 2nd Armored Division fought for complete control of another over-run road from St. Vith to Larochette. Other troops were a bare mile from Larochette.

Field Marshal von Rundstedt was reported to have shifted tanks and guns from the Bastogne area on the south to meet the grave new threat to his last road to the north. Artillery constantly harassed the foe in the wedge.

Loss of the St. Vith-Houffalize road would for the first time seem to leave the Germans in precarious positions, reports from the north flank said.

Troops Battle In Snowdrifts

The battle was in drifts four to five feet high and in heavy new snowfalls.

All along the 30-mile northern flank of the Ardennes salient, the Germans were declared by one of Field Marshal Montgomery's staff officers to be on the defensive and fighting resolutely in an attempt to bar the Allies from the one remaining escape route from the bulge. This was the Houffalize-St. Vith road, and the U.S. 1st Army was five miles or so from it and cratering it with artillery.

Three U.S. and one British army steadily were writing off the Ardennes wedge in the grim battle in zero weather.

The distance between the U.S. 1st and 9th Army elements on the north and the U.S. 3rd Army on the south was less than 10 miles. Within that deadly gauntlet, all raked by artillery, there was only a single good road for German retreat and that was hidden by the snow and ice and cratered by shells.

The blizzard, comparable to those on the Russian front, slackened a bit today, but the snow still fell intermittently.

Block Nazi Moves On Alsace Front

To the south, Lt. Gen. Devers' 6th U.S. Army group blocked German probing for weak spots in Alsace and Lorraine. At least temporarily, the U.S. 7th Army counterattacks were plugging holes driven by the first fury of the German diversionary attacks on the Alsace plain. The immediate threat to the French Rhine city of Strasbourg lessened, too, although headquarters said Germans 16 miles or so to the south "continued to be aggressive."

Another diversion in Holland was erased, Britons and Canadians had teamed to wipe out a bridgehead across the Maas (Meuse) north of Venlo.

The enemy pulled back 1,000 yards before the British 2nd Army in the wild, desolate Ardennes country of wooded tracts and steep defiles southeast of Marche at the northwest tip of the Belgian salient, but a spokesman at Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters in the north said:

"There is no sign of a German withdrawal from the tip, however, and Von Rundstedt may only be pulling back to better prepared positions."

Thousands Walk, Hitch-Hike, Cycle From Home to Job

Victorians walked, hitch-hiked or used up precious gas to get to work this morning when they were confronted by a strike of the street railwaymen. The strike was called Monday night and the street cars were parked in the barns of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. as the operators drove them in around midnight. They remained idle there today and there was no answer to the question: "How long will it be before they are rolling again?"

The street car men in Vancouver and New Westminster are also out on strike.

B.C. Labor Minister George S. Pearson, who has been working to avert the strike, said today: "The matter is now definitely in the hands of the National War Labor Board—the Regional War Labor Board has absolutely no authority at the moment." Mr. Pearson is chairman of the Regional Board.

Last night, after street car operators had been voting all day, it became known there would be no street cars this morning. The vote to strike was 1,889 to 159.

Working people rose earlier than usual today in order to get to work on time. Motorists, with an eye to their gas coupons and thinning tires, were most generous and picked up all the people their cars could carry.

NAVY HELPS

Navy trucks lined up at the corner of Yates and Douglas to take personnel to naval establishments and civilian workers to the dockyard in Esquimalt.

Taxis had a rushing few hours getting people to work. More than one staid business man borrowed his son's bicycle and pedaled to town.

Thousands of people, in order to get a ride to town, left home an hour earlier than usual. There were comparatively few people late for work and few absentees. Stores reported a quiet day. Housewives went shopping in their neighborhoods, unless they live close enough to town to walk.

Restaurants were more crowded than usual at the lunch hour, as the strike kept workers in town for the midday meal.

Many organizations, as soon as they learned of the strike, canceled meetings scheduled for the next few days.

BREAK DOWN

Final efforts to avert the strike broke down at a meeting in Vancouver of B.C. Electric representatives, members of the Street Railwaymen's Union and the Regional War Labor Board.

"The meeting was a failure," said M. H. McGeough, administrator of the Regional War Labor Board. "We offered an increase across the board from four and a half cents to five and a half cents an hour. That is an increase of \$100,000 a year, and within half a cent of what the union agreed to settle last Sunday."

"They also refused my request for a 48-hour delay so that we could continue negotiations, as we were making progress for the

No Ottawa Action Planned

OTTAWA (CP)—Labor Minister Mitchell today conferred with senior officials of his department on the strike of 2,700 streetcar and bus operators in Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster, but there was no indication of immediate action on the part of the government to end the strike.

Mr. Mitchell reached his office late this morning after being delayed in a trip by air from Windsor, Ont. There was no comment on the strike from the National War Labor Board whose ruling on a wage application by the Street Railwaymen's Union (A.F.L.) resulted in the work stoppage.

Mr. Mitchell told reporters he had no comment on the west coast strike but in answer to questions he said it was "definitely illegal."

Weather Forecast

Victoria and Vicinity—Wednesday: Light to moderate wind, partly cloudy becoming fair in afternoon, not much change in temperature. Monday's Temperatures—Min. 45; Max. 49. Rainfall—.01 inch. Victoria has over 900 hours more sunshine a year than other coast cities, less than half the rainfall.



FRONT SEAT FOR AERIAL DOG FIGHT—Vapor trails make a strange pattern in the sky somewhere over Germany as Allied planes engage enemy aircraft in a terrific dog fight. Below an alert anti-aircraft battery waits to open fire on an incoming enemy strafe.

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SAINT-SAENS
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Executed in England
LONDON (CP)—Pte. Horace Beresford Gordon, 29, of Kingston, Jamaica, a member of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, was hanged at Wandsworth Prison today for the murder of a young married woman last Sept. 7.

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Essential Services Run With Makeshift Transport

Issue Between Union And Government—Murrin

A. T. Goward, vice-president of the B.C. Electric Railway Co., today handed the Times the following statement issued by W. G. Murrin, president of the company, dealing with the street railwaymen's strike:

"The street railway employees of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. went on strike at 4 a.m. today. The issue is now between the union and the Dominion government."

"Mr. Justice Archibald, chairman of the National War Labor Board, has already termed this an 'illegal strike'. It is illegal because it is against the provisions of the Parliament of Canada for the control of wages during the war. War time wages control is part of the Dominion government's general wartime policy of controlling prices, salaries, profits, rents and so forth, in order to prevent inflation, and to bring about a maximum war effort against an enemy ruthlessly organized for war."

"To settle war wage disputes, the Dominion Parliament has provided for a Regional War Labor Board and if either or both parties are dissatisfied with its decision, a National War Labor Board whose decision is final and has the effect of law."

"The company and the Street Railwaymen's Union has been before both these boards and the union has refused to accept the award of either of them."

IGNORES LAWS OF CANADA

"The issue is, therefore, a straight one between the Dominion government and the Street Railwaymen's Union, which has refused to abide by the laws of Canada."

"The company, however, believes that a strike under wartime conditions would be a catastrophe, involving not only the stoppage of essential war production but the actual loss of the lives of soldiers overseas."

"Therefore, in an attempt to effect a settlement, we did make an extremely generous offer to the union over the week-end, subject to approval by the Regional

'Stay On Job', Carmen Ask Others

The action committee appointed by Victoria labor last week today issued the following statement relevant to the strike issue:

"As a result of a vote taken by Div. 109, Street Railwaymen's Union, Victoria, they have requested the action committee to recommend to all workers that they stay on the job and carry out their usual duties to the best of their abilities under the existing handicaps, provided that they are not requested by their respective employers to take any action or perform any work that could be classified as strikebreaking."

"The street railwaymen's union and the Coach Lines union are willing to provide operators for

Truck Transit Operated By 3 Forces; Shipyards Working With Few Absent

Victoria, without streetcars, almost without buses, today carried on essential services with makeshift and auxiliary transit, despite a strike of bus and trolley operators which affected every facet of business and social life.

The two large shipyards worked with full, or near-full, shifts. Fire and police services were maintained. Victorians got their mail.

C. Francis, personnel manager of the Victoria Machinery Depot Co. Ltd., said today the shipyard attendance on the day shift was the best in more than a month.

Monday afternoon, anticipating the strike, the company urged employees having cars and living more than two miles from the plant, to apply for special gasoline rations. Workmen relying on streetcar transportation, were asked to turn in their names and addresses.

SPECIAL GASOLINE

When a shipyard worker made application for special gasoline, he was handed several cards with the names of workers who lived in the same district. He was asked to get in touch with them and pick them up in the morning.

Several hundred workmen at the V.M.D. also arrived at the plant on bicycles, some, no doubt, commandeering their young son's machines.

Yarrows Ltd. reported No. 1 yard was functioning with less than 5 per cent of the staff absent. The same arrangements for transportation were made as at the V.M.D.

The company, however, continued to make representations to the Vancouver Island Coach Lines Ltd. bus drivers, who are out on strike, to operate buses to the plant at midnight to take the night shift home. So far negotiations have failed.

Yarrows No. 2 yard operated a day-shift today with only from 75 to 80 per cent of their staff on the job.

Company officials reported production was crippled in this yard which is turning out landing ships for the British Admiralty.

F. B. McConnell, Yarrows personnel manager, appealed to workers driving cars to Esquimalt to get in touch with the company if they had room to take shipyard workers.

Arrangements would be made by the company, he said, to provide special wartime Industrial Transit gasoline rations for persons co-operating in this manner. He also said any person wishing to assist in taking workers to the plant would be provided with extra gasoline.

SAFEWAY

In '45 Expect More For Less at Safeway

The items listed below are just a few examples of Safeway's low every day shelf prices. Note the savings you can make every time you buy.

BULK FOOD VALUES

Red Plums Berryland Choice, 20-oz. tins.....	2 for 23¢	★ RICE Round Grain, 2-lb. bag.....	19¢
Cut Green Beans Berryland Choice, 20-oz. tins.....	2 for 25¢	★ MACARONI Alphabet, 1-lb. bag.....	11¢
Choice Peas Sugar Belle, sieve 4, 20-oz. tins.....	2 for 27¢	★ BEANS Van Camp's Quick Service, 12-oz. pkg.....	2 for 19¢
Tomato Soup Aylmer, 10-oz. tins.....	3 for 23¢	★ PEAS Bluebell, green, 2-lb. bag.....	17¢
Clams Beaver, 5-oz. tin.....	17¢	★ WHITE BEANS Small.....	2 lbs. 13¢
Cream of Wheat 25-oz. package.....	22¢	★ LIMA BEANS	2 lbs. 22¢
Pastry Flour Monarch, 7-lb. sack.....	31¢	Barley Pearl, 2-lb. bag.....	11¢
Wheatlets 2-lb. bag.....	10¢	Pot Barley 2-lb. bag.....	9¢
Tea Canterbury, 1-lb. pkg.....	65¢	Peas Green split, 2-lb. bag.....	23¢
Coffee Edwards, 1-lb. bag.....	35¢	Rolled Oats Quick-cooking, 2-lb. bag.....	12¢
Toilet Soap Camay.....	2 cakes 11¢	Rice Brown, 2-lb. bag.....	19¢
		Macaroni Cut, 2-lb. bag.....	11¢
		Macaroni Baby Shell, 1-lb. bag.....	11¢
		Bran Edible, 1-lb. bag.....	5¢

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COMMERCIAL BEEF	
Round Steak Sliced or minced.....lb.	39¢
T-bone Steak or ROAST.....lb.	45¢
Wing Steak or ROAST.....lb.	45¢
Blade Roast Lean.....lb.	25¢
Rump Roastlb.	40¢
Smoked Picnicslb.	24¢
Beef Liver Sliced.....lb.	24¢
Wieners No. 1.....lb.	25¢
Pork Chops Loin, centre cut.....lb.	41¢
Pork Shoulders Shank end.....lb.	23¢
Pork Butts Small, lean.....lb.	32¢

APPLES
Fancy Newtons
3 lbs. 25¢
Approximately 40-lb. box.....\$3.10

Grapes Emperors.....lb. 25¢

Lettuce Firm heads.....lb. 15¢

8 lbs. in shopping bag.....77¢

★ GRAPEFRUIT Marsh Seedless Pinks.....lb. 11¢

★ CARROTS New crop bunch.....2 lbs. 13¢

★ CELERY Firm, clean stalks.....lb. 12¢

★ TOMATOES Firm and ripe.....lb. 27¢

★ ONIONS Cooking.....4 lbs. 15¢

★ TURNIPS Bulk.....lb. 3¢

New Crop NAVELS
Full of juice
lb. 10¢

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CAN DO NO MORE

"The company can do no more. The matter remains in the hands of the National War Labor Board and the Dominion government. The company regrets the inconvenience to the public in our territory and deplores the disruption to the war effort."

"It is now up to the Dominion government to decide what action it will take in the face of the strike that has deliberately been forced upon this important area in violation of the laws of Canada."

The war has entered its last and most decisive phase. There is no getting off the train now—you must go all the way. Be fanatical and rough in defence of your homeland.—German army newspaper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to uncertainty of transportation facilities, supper and installation dance by Colfax Rebecca Lodge, Jan. 9, has been postponed.

Don't forget the Dollar Dinner served every Sunday at the Washbone, 5 to 8 p.m. Phone E2613.

Everyone welcome to the regular meeting of the Labor-Progressive Party, Wednesday, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., in downstairs hall, 1116 Broad Street. Mr. William White will lead the discussion on the roll of the L.P.P. in the community.

Late Inspector S.P.C.A., W. J. Smith, old friends and animal lovers, please note phone number—E3745.

Y.M.C.A. Dance, Macaulay Hut. Hostesses will be picked up at Blanshard Street, Y.M.C.A., at 20.00 hrs., by army transport for New Year's dance to night, and will be returned to same point at 23.30 hrs.

Picture and photo framing to order. A. E. Taylor and Co., 828 Fort.

Women's Canadian Club, Prince Robert House, Friday, Jan. 12, 2.30 p.m., Gaiety Hall, C.P.E., Canadian artist, will give a talk: "As an Artist Sees Canada!"

Universal Week of Prayer—Service, St. Andrew's Church, Wednesday, 8 o'clock.

NAVY HELPS OUT

The navy went into the transportation business early today. Special routes were mapped out and regular truck-passenger services were maintained throughout the day between Yates and Douglas Streets intersection, the dockyard and naval bases.

The army and air force operated special transportation services for their personnel, both servicemen and women, and civilians.

Navy trucks began at 6 this morning to take personnel to naval camps and continued a half-hour service from the Yates and Douglas intersection to the dockyard until 8.30 this morning.

This afternoon workers were removed from the dockyard and naval establishments in navy trucks which resumed the half-hour service at 3 and continued until 5 this evening, when extra trucks were put on to take care of the rush of officers and ratings coming off duty.

A half-hour service was maintained throughout the day for civilian personnel going and coming from the dockyards.

The air force operated a transportation service between their office in Belmont House and the R.C.A.F. (W.D.) barracks on Foul Bay Road. Civilian personnel employed by the air force were also taken to work in cars.

Army personnel living outside barracks got to military camps by various means today while army officials opened discussions today on the necessity of establishing a transit system similar to that operated by the air force and navy.

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G. H. Gardner, postmaster here, reported Victorians got their mail today although in some cases letter carriers were half an hour or more getting started on their beats.

Post office workers previously had relied heavily on street cars to get to work and letter carriers had used trams to go from the post office to their beats.

Alert Service Transfer Co., mail contractors for the Victoria post office, used mail trucks to take postmen, with loaded mail bags, to their beats. Other letter carriers relied on Blue Line buses. Still other used bicycles.

Firemen and policemen, for the most part, arrived at their respective headquarters on time, having walked, driven their cars or their fast-diminishing gasoline rations, or picked up rides with fellow workers.

GASOLINE SALES UP

Garages reported the transportation tie-up had affected their businesses very little.

Already working their service and repair departments to capacity, garages reported they could not carry on further repairs should they be demanded, but so far there had been no increase for these services.

Some garages reported their gasoline and oil sales were up slightly today but others reported no difference.

While some car owners rushed to garages to have repairs made on their autos which they otherwise might have waited a week or so for, other car drivers, unable to do without their machines because of the tie-up, canceled repair jobs.

Saanich Schools Only Seriously Hit By Walkouts

With the exception of Saanich, where lack of transportation continued to hold approximately 150 students from class, no major hardship was reported by Greater Victoria schools through today's expansion of the transit tie-up.

Saanich school authorities depended largely on parents to see the children reached school, but closed home economics and industrial arts classes which are conducted in Tolmie School, to which pupils are ordinarily carried by bus.

Maintenance vehicles were pressed into service to carry some teachers to school today and absenteeism continued in the case of students from Ten Mile Point, Cordova Bay and Royal Oak areas where distances were too great for pupils to walk.

Ships Voyaging In Lake Michigan

MACKINAW CITY, Mich. (AP)—A three-ship—Great Lakes-to-Gulf convoy, cleared through the Sault Ste. Marie locks in an historic midwinter voyage, moved unescorted down the west shore of Lake Michigan today toward Milwaukee and Chicago.

The 10,000-horsepower U.S.S. Mackinaw, newest and most powerful of the Coast Guard's Great Lakes icebreaker fleet, signalled farewell to the Pemiscot, Hidalgo and William L. Nelson at 2.08 a.m. E.D.T., in a snowstorm about three miles off the Gulf Island Lighthouse in northern Lake Michigan. Open water lay ahead.

Sudbury Man Pays Penalty for Murder

SUDBURY, Ont. (CP)—Alpha Proulx, 26, was hanged at 12.35 a.m. today for the brickyard slaying last April 24 of 64-year-old Joseph Dénne.

Proulx was arrested last April 27, a few minutes after Dénne, a railway cook from nearby Capreol, had died in a hospital from injuries received when beaten over the head with a brick and robbed of \$100 and a gold watch three days earlier. Proulx was convicted of murder Oct. 23, after a six-day trial.

He was the father of five children.

LITTLE CHANGE IN CITY

In Victoria, H. L. Campbell, municipal inspector, reported little change in the ordinary school routine. At Victoria High School regular opening assemblies, which usually start at 8.45, were eliminated and classes started at 9 with no material change in arrangements.

Victoria College had no report of changes in class procedure. Oak Bay said no difference was noticeable in the regular routine.

MANY GET LIFTS

For the most part workers in businesses and other plants walked to work or arranged with friends to go by car.

Many office workers, starting out early from their homes in anticipation of walking a mile or two to work, arrived half an hour or more early on the job, having unexpectedly been picked up by passing motorists.

Private car operators were reported very co-operative. Oak Bay police reported few

Refunds Approved On Tram Passes

Citizens who bought weekly passes for Greater Victoria streetcar lines Monday, may secure a refund by turning in their passes to the B.C. Electric office, it was learned today.

The refunds will be made on a pro-rata basis, the purchaser getting back 85 cents if he or she used the pass Monday.

Saanich Teachers Endorse Car Strike

At a meeting held at Cloverdale School Monday, teachers of the Saanich Department (B.C. Teachers' Federation), an affiliate of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, passed the following resolution:

"Whereas the National War Labor Board has delayed for an unreasonable length of time settlement of difficulties between the B.C. Electric employees and employers regarding wage requests and adjustments; and

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To Buy Power for B.C. From U.S. for Years

VANCOUVER (CP)—For the next several years the B.C. Electric Railway Company Ltd. will have to meet its power requirements by the purchase of electricity from the United States, Rom Ingledow, vice-president and chief engineer, electrical department of the B.C. Electric, told a meeting of the board of trade here Monday.

His company intends developing the great Bridge River hydro potentialities, where some 600,000 horsepower is available, Mr. Ingledow said, but inability to do this at present has necessitated purchase of power from across the border.

Reroute C.P.R. Trains As Slides Hit Line

VANCOUVER (CP)—A series of minor slides occurred Sunday on the Canadian Pacific Railway line in the Coghulla Valley near Brookmere.

Trains were rerouted via Spence's Bridge, causing some delay. One locomotive was derailed in one of the incidents, but no one was hurt and only minor damage was done to the engine.

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British Pursue Leftists In Greece; Break Roadblock, Occupy Thebes

ATHENS (AP)—British troops pursuing E.L.A.S. forces retreating from Athens have occupied Thebes, forward base of the left wing guerrilla units about 48 road miles northwest of Athens. It was announced today.

Australian Troops Playing Part In Pacific War Since November

By J. E. HOLDSWORTH
SYDNEY (CP)—Australian newspapers splashed under banner headlines today the disclosure that the Commonwealth's land forces had been in action in three southwest Pacific war zones since November.

The news that released war correspondents' reports and photographs was an Allied communiqué saying "Australian troops relieved American forces in the Solomon Islands, including New Britain and British New Guinea."

Baby Born in Snow-Bound Car

A bumpy 16-mile ride over snow-dusted roads and through fields in a car pulled by two tractors averted the necessity of a caesarian birth for Mrs. Roy Luzon. But the stork finally won the race and the baby was born in the back seat of the car hopelessly stranded in a huge snow drift. Here are Mrs. Luzon and her tiny daughter in St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, Ont., both doing well. Her doctor, unable to reach her because of the storm, had thought a caesarian birth would be necessary.

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LUTON, Eng. (CP)—Three persons were killed and 17 injured Monday in a blast that devastated the countryside near here when a United States army truck laden with 2 high-explosive bombs collided with a civilian truck.

Snowfall at Vernon Cuts Phone Service

VERNON, B.C. (CP)—A heavy fall of snow Saturday and early Sunday amounting to six and a half inches put sixty telephone lines out of commission in Vernon and district. Two hundred local homes were cut off from telephone communication until Sunday night.

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60,000 Canadians Use Beaver Hut Each Week

LONDON (Special)—At present 60,000 Canadian servicemen pass through the Canadian Y.M.C.A.'s London Beaver Club every week, but the busiest time will come "when we get those Germans licked," Sir Ernest Cooper of London, England, chairman of the overseas committee responsible for the operation of the club, said here today in an interview.

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OTTAWA (CP)—An investigation into all phases of the Canadian coal industry—likely to form the basis of government postwar policy toward the industry—will start next week when the Royal Commission headed by Mr. Justice W. F. Carroll of Halifax opens an inquiry at Sydney, N.S.

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THE TRANSPORTATION STRIKES

THERE IS NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THE spectacle of employers and employees blaming one another for the serious disturbance of public convenience occasioned by the strike of street railway workers in the four large communities of the province and the men of the bus system which serves Vancouver Island. What is painfully apparent in the texts of the charges and counter-charges issued by both sides to the two main disputes is the fact that the bones of contention have been tossed hither and yon for nearly a year. It may be that the average citizen had paid little attention to the simmering controversy; for the most part he has applied himself to the major preoccupation of contributing to that economic stability on the home front which the national war effort demands. Only when he feels the full impact of a disagreement such as that which now assails him does the sheer force of circumstances compel him to examine the issue. Thousands in Victoria, Vancouver Island, Vancouver and New Westminster are engaged in that melancholy exercise today.

Regardless of the implications of the basic fact that less than 3,000 transportation workers have seriously interfered with the normal convenience of approximately 400,000 people, the attitude of the National War Labor Board toward disputes of this kind is often too meticulous in its concept of its function. Of course it must rely very largely on the information and facts and arguments with which its regional agent supplies it. The War Labor Board is a judicial body established to maintain certain price levels, to prevent inflation, exploitation and manipulation of the market in the interests of this or that group, during the war. As part of its mechanism, it established regional boards which attend to local cases. From decisions made by these bodies there is the right of appeal. The point which needs emphasizing is that the board acts for the government of Canada in making decisions. It allows appeals from its rulings—always provided, of course, new evidence can be adduced. But it refuses to act under duress.

Well and good; and the threat to strike against such decisions is to violate the laws of the people, established by the people, for the people. That is the understanding by which we all live and manage to get along together fairly well. But by rigid conformity to the strict letter and spirit of the law's invocation, fundamental interests of all the people are sometimes overlooked or unintelligently interpreted. Nor is there any intention here to place undue blame on the National War Labor Board or its regional agency for the present impasse in the transportation situation. Employers and employees must accept their share of it. It is nevertheless apparent that if the national body had been less aloof, less prone to accept surface implications in some instances, a problem in British Columbia might have had more chance of impressing an Ottawa department of government.

Little purpose is to be served, however, by a rehash of circumstances which have produced the condition now confronting half the people of this province. At the same time, a more practical and sympathetic approach to its solution well in advance of the strike deadline might have prevented today's walkout of the street railwaymen. Not only this; its prevention—particularly if a settlement should be long delayed—would have contributed materially to the principal objective which the National War Labor Board is charged to keep prominently before it, namely, to anticipate the numerous wartime economic dangers with which the general public is thoroughly familiar. In the meantime, therefore, it is to be hoped that all parties to the dispute will explore every avenue of conciliation in order that an exasperating state of affairs may soon be corrected.

SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE

RECOGNITION BY THE RUSSIAN government of the Lublin Committee as the provisional government of Poland, coupled with the declaration by the United States that its attitude toward the Polish government in exile—has not changed, admittedly has created confusion. This, of course, can be woven by ill-will, embroidered by exaggeration, stained with prejudice, and turned to good use by the Nazi propaganda machine.

Mr. Churchill, on behalf of the British government, stated some time ago that he considered the claims of the Soviet Union, backed by the realities of circumstance, in the Polish boundary dispute, were grounded in common sense. It is understood that General De Gaulle, on behalf of France, took the same attitude. The British are caught between the devil of a difficult political situation in the United States, and the deep blue sea of a distrust of democratic processes in Russia. The Russians do not intend to have a civil war behind the lines in Poland, if and when they launch their offensive. Greece provided them with an excellent excuse for action.

It might considerably simplify the situation if the United States were able to visualize

Mexico as Poland. If, for example, the Japanese had been able to land troops in Mexico in sufficient numbers to back those parties in Mexico who dislike what has been called American exploitation of Mexican natural resources, the Japanese would have made of Mexico a general base for their attack on the United States. They would have seized the Panama Canal. Eventually they would have had to be driven out by American forces at immense cost and with tremendous bloodshed and devastation.

Meantime, a Mexican government in exile might have been established in Brazil, and a Committee of National Liberation in New York. The moment Mexico City was freed, both the government-in-exile and the committee in New York probably would have laid claim to be the provisional government of Mexico until an election could be held. But the Mexican government-in-exile would have added to that claim the demand for a revision of the Mexican boundaries to include New Mexico, which was the fruit of conquest by the United States. Which would the United States recognize as the provisional government? The committee in New York or the government-in-exile in Rio?

GUIDE TO DESTINY

MR. C. A. HENDERSON, THE NEW president of the Bolshemakers' Union in Vancouver, addressing a meeting of the 1945 executive, said that "while the union has rights, we have incurred responsibilities. To fulfill our destiny we must have the respect of employers and the public. The only way in which that respect can be gained is to earn it."

To call attention to Mr. Henderson's "Union Guide to Destiny"—as his remarks might be termed—is to turn a page of history in the making. For Mr. Henderson echoes the sentiments of many leaders and men in the labor movement all over this continent, who are just beginning to assert themselves in their unions in order to prevent their destruction by "borders from within." The principal business of the latter seems to be to capitalize on every possible cause for discontent and create constant friction between the management and the employee.

So that when Mr. Henderson calls the attention of his executive to "responsibilities," it is a sign of the times which not only the Bolshemakers' Union can read, mark, learn and digest, but employers and the public as a whole. There are extremists in all services whose one thought is of their rights and never of their responsibilities. If freedom is to survive and democratic procedure to prevail, responsibility becomes a duty and right a privilege. Too often obligation goes out of the window when privilege takes the floor.

The Bolshemakers' Union in Vancouver is fortunate in that the majority of its members recognize that the responsibilities for the maintenance of their liberties, as well as the ability to assert their rights, is a primary requisite of any union president in the difficult days ahead.

TIRE CONTROL AND CARE

WE ARE TOLD BY THE AUTHORITIES who know the facts that the outlook for new tires in Canada this year is definitely bleak; and that for new cars, of course, is just as bad. Field Marshal von Rundstedt is partly the cause of dashing hopes that had begun to rise last fall.

What to do about it is ancient history by now. But perhaps a brief roundup is worth repeating, especially for the many service wives who may be faced with symptoms of automotive senility that would even stump the family tinker who is now overseas. So here are a few do's and don'ts suggested by car and tire manufacturers:

Keep tires properly inflated. Check pressure weekly. Switch tires, including spare, at least every 4,000 miles. Check wheel alignment, casing, valves, brake balance. Avoid fast stops and starts—and don't speed!

Have regular checks of ignition and battery. Replace worn spark plugs which waste gasoline and put an undue load on the battery.

Keep head and tail light lenses clean. Have spare bulbs on hand.

Let the garage man go over distributor, coil, condenser, voltage regulator, generator and starter. Don't tink—unless you know how.

Garages are busy and short of help. But it takes less time and bother to check for early trouble than to repair a breakdown.

Distilled to a fine essence, the foregoing simply means that car owners must continue to lavish care and kindness on the family automobile, thereby standing a better chance of having it down at the C.P.R. docks in fair running order when the sailor, soldier or airman member of the family comes home.

'AND OTHERS WHO ARE HERE'

WITH HIGH DIGNITARIES OF STATE flitting hither and yon and addressing gatherings composed of men of eminent military or civil rank, speakers must be hard put to on some occasions to conform to proper style of address, especially where some present are fastidious about the order of precedence. Consider these as Mr. Churchill's opening remarks to the conference in Athens on the day after Christmas, presided over by Archbishop Damaskinos:

"Your Excellency, the Greek Prime Minister, the Field Marshal Commanding the Allied Armies in the Mediterranean, the Foreign Secretary of Great Britain, the representatives of the United States and Soviet Russia and France, the British Ambassador and others who are here: Gentlemen, tonight we hold many important matters in our hands..."

Even with the Prime Minister's meticulous regard for the proprieties, it is just possible that some of the "others who are here" felt they were outside the pale under this "tumped" allusion to their presence.

The way to grow old gracefully is not to give a darn how ugly you get.

It is hard for an older man to sympathize with the nostalgia of soldiers when he reads that one is homesick for red finger-nails.

Bruce Hutchison

POLITICS—WE'RE AGAINST IT

IT IS REGRETTABLE that the press has failed to record the formation of the Anti-Political Party in the wilds where I live. For the purpose of this grass-roots movement is one for which the public has long yearned. It is to take our public affairs out of politics. At the opening meeting of the Anti-Political Party, held in Mrs. Noggins' house, Col. Blossom in the chair, it was resolved that we would save the country from the politicians and, instead of politics, we would give it prosperity. As Colonel Blossom observed, the politicians, merely to get elected, always made the problem of prosperity appear difficult when, in fact, it was a simple business. All that was needed, he said, was to provide jobs for everybody. (Mr. Pudgebury said Colonel Blossom seemed to have stolen his theory from Mr. Bracken, but the Colonel assured him it was quite original and the result of long research.)

The trouble, the Colonel explained, was that the country had been misled by a lot of newfangled economic jargon about trade. If Canada would get back to first principles and depend upon itself, instead of buying things from a lot of dirty foreigners (with all respect to our gallant allies, God bless them)—then, said the Colonel, there would be plenty of work for everybody right here.

Why, for example, should we import wines from a lot of Spanish Fascists, said the Colonel, when we could make excellent wines in Canada? Mr. Pudgebury asked, as a matter of information only and without prejudice, how long the country could live on such stuff as Mrs. Noggins' parsnip wine, and Colonel Blossom said he supposed there must be some exceptions to the broad principles of our policy and he would be prepared to permit the consumption of Scotch whisky, on sentimental and non-economic grounds. (Mr. Pudgebury remarked private to Mr. Beak that the Colonel had permitted this exception in his own case, to the extent of a bottle day for 35 years, and only became interested in politics with the advent of liquor rationing.)

AS A TYPICAL example of his nonpolitical theory, Colonel Blossom said it was ridiculous for us to import oranges from the United States and bananas from obscure countries in Central America when he had demonstrated, in his own greenhouse, that they could be grown readily here, if given heat. The importation of fruit was entirely uneconomic and a scandalous waste of jobs, for in the United States and Central America half a dozen men could grow tons and tons of oranges and bananas, whereas in this country, under glass, he had calculated that it would require the labor of a hundred men to produce a dozen crates of fruit in a year. The opportunities of employment here were almost unlimited, and in many other similar lines. But government interference in the natural movements of trade, the work of the politicians, made it impossible for honest men to find a job.

Mr. Archibald, the local school teacher, a very learned man but suspected of radical tendencies, said this was all very well but did not go far enough. We should not be content to stop the importation of goods from other nations, but should stop importing them from other provinces, like Ontario, which had never done anything for us, and from Quebec, which had low wage standards, bound to undermine ours, and which even spoke another language. But we should not compromise with our principles as the politicians did; we should have self-containment not only for provinces but for every community in Canada.

Mr. Pudgebury agreed that he was tired of paying tribute to the city five miles away and recalled that in the early days of pioneering, when every settler produced everything for himself, he had never heard of anyone being out of work. In fact, he and his wife and children worked from dawn to dark and then could not get all the work done. Politics, he said, had ruined this satisfactory way of life.

THIS, SAID Mr. Archibald, was quite true, and to prove it he presented the result of investigations into the culture of the native Indians who, he said, had been more efficient and more prosperous even than the early white settlers. He had been unable to find a single case of unemployment among the Indians. They were working all the time, depressions were unknown, and the business cycle had not even been discovered. That was because everybody made everything he needed and no tribute was paid to foreigners. If, said Mr. Archibald, everybody nowadays would grow his own food in the backyard and keep a steer or two to make beef and leather for his boots, and a sheep to supply wool, and perhaps a few silk worms to manufacture material for his wife's stockings, and dig a little coal in the basement to provide fuel for a greenhouse to produce oranges, then indeed there would be no idleness. Everybody would be as busy as the Indians. Man would escape the slavery of the machine.

Colonel Blossom thought this was perhaps carrying the new theory to an extreme, but agreed that Mr. Archibald had provided much food for thought. Before the Colonel could explain his plan of monetary reform, to free us from the dead hand of usury, Mrs. Noggins served the last of her Christmas cake and some of her parsnip wine, and it was resolved to endorse the Atlantic Charter and to complete the party platform at another meeting. (Colonel Blossom, sipping Mrs. Noggins' latest vintage, reiterated his promise to make an exception of Scotch.)

Victory will come soon when you see strong men crying because they have no money for another bond.

You can't fool all of the people all the time, but you can fool part of them and scare enough more to make a majority.

Colwood P.O.

F. A. PARKER.

Letters To The Editor

HE HAS SEEN

I have read the letters between Mr. J. B. Adams and Mr. Laing. I can truly say McAdams is correct in his statement of how the cattle were handled in the early days of 1890 to 1898.

At Graigflower slaughterhouse, Mr. Laing must remember, the beaves came in wild from the ranges, not hand-fed, as most of them are these days. The young man who did the slaughtering had only one old Chinaman to help him. The said Chinaman was ready to run, climb a tree or post if the steer made a move or a noise. I have been there myself many times and seen all and more. What Mr. Adams says is right.

Colwood P.O.

THE FINAL WORD

Please excuse the further use of your columns for a final reply to Mr. J. B. Adams. I do not propose to continue correspondence where a man is concerned who mistakes verbal abuse for convincing argument.

Nothing stated by me in former letters calls for a retraction. Although Mr. Adams gives the translation of a French phrase regarding excusing and accusing, that quotation does not apply to me, for I have not tried to excuse myself. However, in his first letter, in reply to the comments of your columnist regarding game hunting, Mr. Adams certainly offered excuses for sportsmen who, under the inspiration of aesthetic influences, kill deer and other game animals.

He has not, as yet, explained what steps he took, as a sportsman, to prevent the recurrence of atrocities which he claims to have witnessed in connection with the slaughter of cattle for beef. Neither has he explained when and by whom such cruelty was perpetrated.

I may explain further that his reference to beef steaks does not apply to me as I do not eat them.

F. W. LAING.

1122 Ormond Street, Jan. 8.

Editor's Note: Here endeth this controversy.

LIGHT AND TELEPHONE RATES

Now that the reduction in light rates is a reality, I am sure all home owners will very much appreciate it. Though it is long overdue, it is very welcome just the same.

Now would it not be in order for the B.C. Telephone Co. to follow suit and take that 20 cents a month off that they tacked on quite a number of years ago as a temporary measure.

I think it is about time it was removed, not much in itself, but \$2.40 a year to us just the same.

There is something worthwhile about our new mayor and his adherents can strive for—to do the citizens a good service. Here's wishing them luck!

H. B. BROWNING.

Washington Avenue, Jan. 7.

FIREBOAT

The other day Mr. Mayhew, the Liberal Member of Parliament for Victoria, was telling the Chamber of Commerce here why the chief reasons were why Victoria needs a fireboat.

According to Mr. Mayhew, as quoted in the Times, these reasons are because the harbors are bordered "with oil plants, mills, and other industries."

Also, according to the newspapers recently, the Dominion government has stated that it does not feel called upon to provide a fireboat here.

Apart from the naval and military establishments here, and one or two minor Dominion or provincial government offices on the waterfront, pilotage, steamship inspection, etc., the rest of our harborage is taken up by private enterprise, as quoted by our local M.P.

That being the case, together with the fact that various forms of insurance had to be carried by these concerns for the protection of their property, in case of fire, why cannot these companies get together with their insurance people and provide themselves with the necessary fire protection, in the shape of this much-discussed fireboat?

Surely it should not always be old "John Public" that should be called upon to foot the bill for every Tom, Dick or Harry that feels he needs this done or so-and-so provided.

C. J. CARR.

1131 Grant Street, Jan. 3.

Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By DEWITT MACKENZIE, Associated Press War Analyst

One would expect to find considerable fire where there's so much smoke, as the Japanese are reporting in their feverish predictions that U.S. forces are about to invade Luzon, main island of the Philippine archipelago. Certainly the terrific lacing which U.S. bombers have been giving objectives on Luzon, especially the airfields, the past few days is the invasion type of assault. Those airfields would have to be neutralized before amphibious operations could be undertaken. Then there has been the heavy aerial bombardment of the great Japanese stronghold of Formosa, which was continued today. That island is the main

'GREAT DEAL OF PLANNING'

From Halifax Herald

It should be obvious, if chaos is to be avoided, that the economies of production need planning and that industrial full-employment requires a great deal of planning. The real question is simply who is going to do the planning and in whose interests. Shall it be the industrialists, big business, the producers, the technicians, or the workers—or society as a whole in the interests of society as a whole? Says one economist: "In a free democracy the task of the state is not to plan enterprise, but to establish and maintain such conditions that free enterprise is synonymous with planning to meet the freely expressed demands of the community." In other words, it is not incorrect to say that "free enterprise" is the planned enterprise of a co-ordinated and planned society. (The term "free" being a concession to those who appear to lay great store by it.)

NOT WHOLLY 'USELESS'

From Toronto Telegram

The suggestion that there is, perhaps, a place for "useless" war memorials is not opposed to the creation of cultural and recreational centres as such. It implies merely that these municipal institutions should stand on their own feet and should be provided as there is need for them. It implies that simply calling one of these necessary and useful activities a memorial does not make it one. There is something to be said for "useless" war memorials which fill the community for all time with the fragrance of the patriotism of our fighting men. Toronto has three of them which we should scarcely like to see removed. There is the Victorian monument to the North-west Field Force in Queen's Park, Allward's magnificent South African memorial on University Avenue and the Cenotaph which has been the centre of Toronto's remembrance. The great memorial at Ottawa is by no means utilitarian, but it is not to be despised as useless.

FREEDOM OF NEWS

From London Free Press

Senator W. A. Buchanan, president of the Canadian Press and publisher of the Lethbridge Herald, has made a timely broadcast in which he asks that the Canadian Parliament should put on record a clause in the peace treaties declaring for freedom of news. Before the war the news agencies of the dictatorial countries and to a lesser extent that of France were government controlled. They sent out to the world their own accounts of what was going on in these countries. The Senator is right in what he says that "distortion of news in

enemy supply base for the Philip-

pinas. Obviously the MacArthur-Nimitz team is up to some fresh sleight-of-hand, which presumably was the subject of the conference that we now are told they held a fortnight ago. The trouble with trying to guess just what they're doing is that these two old-timers get the attention of their spectators centred in one spot—as they now are doing with the Japs—and then extract the rabbit from a wholly unexpected place. That has happened in most of their operations—the latest thing being the surprise invasion of Mindoro Island at the southern end of Luzon, when the enemy was expecting an invasion farther south.

the interests of the dictators has

been one of the underlying causes of the war."

RIVER RUNS BOTH WAYS

From Sault Ste. Marie Star

Algoma is the home of not a few unusual things. So it need surprise no one that it has in the Little Albany River, which crosses the line of the Algoma Central Railway about three miles north of Oba, a stream which takes on something of the character of a "Mr. Facing Both-ways."

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Oh, no, it's not important. It's just one of those things that help to make Algoma interesting.

NOT QUITE SO EASY

From Calgary Herald

It is apparent that the application of socialism in Saskatchewan will be a slow process. The new government is already learning from practical experience that pre-election promises are not so easy to carry out in office. There are few important industries in the sister province and brewing is one of them. In the meantime the government plans to start a few socialistic ventures, such as a fish-filleting plant, and a woolen mill. Even these will require considerable capital investment and their success will depend on skillful and careful management. Losses may be incurred quite as easily, and often more so, under government control than under private direction where the money of the individuals concerned is involved, not that of the taxpayers.

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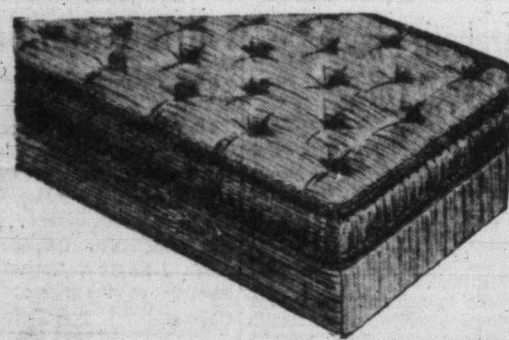
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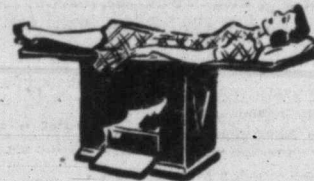
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Visiting Canada On Tour of Duty



Left to right: Maj. Lady Bowyer-Smyth, Maj. M. H. Nation and Capt. L. Cooper.

"The Canadian Women's Army Corps is doing a magnificent job," said Maj. Bowyer-Smyth of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, who is over from England on a tour of duty. She came out in October of last year with 29 other officers of the service on an exchange with the C.W.A.C. and is attached to Col. Margaret Eaton's staff at Military District Headquarters at Ottawa.

The other officers are at various other districts throughout Canada. Maj. Bowyer-Smyth was taken with the charming houses and gardens across Canada and was sure that after this trip to Canada she would come again following the war and see many interesting things and places she did not have time for now.

When asked about the girls in the A.T.S., Maj. Bowyer-Smyth said they now have many over-

seas in the Middle East, India, Belgium, Italy and North Africa. "This is my first trip overseas," she said, "and I was very lucky to have been sent to Canada; you have such a wonderful country here." Speaking about the rationing among the service people in England, she said they were excellent, but the extras, such as fruit juices and a variety in jams were hard to get. She was thoroughly enjoying toasted buns with blackberry jam as she had tea with Maj. Nation and Capt. Cooper at the Y.W.C.A. Hostess House at Macaulay Point Monday.

"I would not be surprised to see some of the girls who came out, come back after the war," she said. "They are enjoying their trip and I think they feel there is so much more to see."

Maj. Bowyer-Smyth wears the red service stripe which denotes five years of service during war

time. "I joined the A.T.S. in 1938," she said, "before it was recognized by the army and was just an auxiliary service, purely voluntary." There are no red service stripes among the C.W.A.C. as this service has not yet reached five years of existence. On her trip around Victoria, Maj. Bowyer-Smyth called on Brig. G. E. Preston and later had lunch at the barracks. Following lunch, accompanied by Maj. Nation and Capt. Cooper, she went to see the convalescent hospital at Gordon Head, and then had tea at the Hostess House. In the evening she had dinner in the mess with Brig. Preston and left on the midnight boat for Vancouver. She will spend several days in Winnipeg en route to Ottawa.

Maj. Nation is attached to Pacific Command, Vancouver, and Capt. Cooper is C.W.A.C. officer in charge at Work Point Barracks.

Personals

Mrs. I. Sellers of Penticton is visiting at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. Fred A. Young and Mrs. A. O'Brien of Seattle are visiting at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ironside of Swift Current are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Balfour of Regina are visiting at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. A. M. Wallace of Denman Island is registered at the Empress Hotel.

Maj. and Mrs. T. Taffee of Vancouver are staying at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. Charles Allan of Vancouver will visit in Victoria this week.

Mrs. Massy Gooldeen will go to Vancouver Friday en route to Washington, where she will join Capt. Massy Gooldeen.

Maj. Gen. J. P. MacKenzie of Ottawa who has spent several days in Victoria will return to Vancouver today.

Mrs. J. E. Tysoe went to Edmonton to attend the convocation exercises at the University of Alberta, Saturday, when her son, William Tysoe, received his degree in medicine.

Mrs. Lucile Paul accompanied by Mrs. F. Lefevre Baker arrived in Victoria today from Vancouver. She will visit at the Empress Hotel en route to her home in Seattle where Mrs. Baker will be Mrs. Paul's guest.

Mrs. Fred Parfitt, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Renfree, and infant grandson, Paul Whyte Renfree, left this afternoon for a month's vacation in Portland.

Miss Katherine Capes of Halifax was guest of honor at a tea given Sunday by Mrs. Gordon Boves at her home on Gonzales Hill. Other invited were Mrs. Frank Hallett of New York, Mesdames Randle Mathews, Ronald Young, Charles Petersen, Arthur Laundy, Edward Minch, Gordon Fraser, Roger Young, John Abel, Walter Stenner, Ian Phillips, W. Brimblecombe, Burr, Misses Winnie Snape, Lucy Johnson and Vivian Martin.

Sgt. Charles Walters, C.D.C., and Mrs. Walters of Prince Rupert are visiting at the Empress Hotel. Mrs. Walters is the former Jill Lloyd-Young, Monday evening they entertained a number of friends at the dinner dance at the hotel. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones,

Discuss Housing Conditions

Hygienic conditions in several apartments in the city are extremely poor, Mrs. A. P. Raymond, convenor on housing, reported to the Local Council of Women at their meeting Monday in the Y.W.C.A.

A complete investigation will be made and a resolution drafted to present at the provincial annual meeting in February, Mrs. Raymond said. This resolution, which will be then presented to the provincial government, will ask that city by-laws be changed to enable municipal bodies authority to enforce improvements. Mrs. D. L. McLaurin, convenor of the education committee, gave a detailed report of the intensive research of the committee. It was shown in her report that

Canada had spent \$147,000,000 on education yearly. Averaging \$65 per pupil, this meant that only \$50 went toward actual education, equipment and housing; \$15 went toward sinking funds.

Mrs. I. Fleming presided and announced the annual meeting will be held Feb. 14 and 15 in the S.O.E. Hall.

Mrs. F. Thomas recommended careful buying until production of articles heretofore in short supply was in full swing. Retailers complained that flannelette remained on their hands, she said. Members of the council stated the quality was too poor to warrant buying, and they were urged to send in samples and ask for a check. W.P.T.B. labels on purchases should be kept in case complaint was necessary.

Girl Guide Notes

LANGFORD—At the first Brownie meeting of the New Year, Patsy Kilpatrick and Loretta Hansen received their Second Class or Golden Bar badges. Four Brownies: Ann Millward, Sheila Goodmanson, Sylvia Lamb and Maxine Fraser, received their one year service stars. Lorraine Kershaw and Jo-Anne Malloch will be enrolled next week. The first Guide meeting took the form of a surprise party given by the captain, Mrs. J. D. Pearson. Games were played and refreshments served, after which Jean Fraser and Vivian Franklin were presented with their one year service stars. Helen Cuche was enrolled before the holidays.

Present Entertainment

Annual entertainment of pupils of Mme. Bella Dobree was given in the Y.W.C.A. before a capacity audience. They were assisted by guest artists. The pupils rendered solos and choruses from "Snow White," and Elaine Jennings, six years old, and Julia Scruton contributed solo numbers. Joey Frackson, dressed in dwarf costume, was heard in comic selections. Donna Abbott and Muriel Jordan showed promise in their selections.

Mrs. E. N. Paver, mezzo-soprano, and Arthur Jackman, baritone, contributed several numbers to the second part of the program; Mrs. Frank Thomas whistled in imitation of a bird's song. Pupils of Wynne Shaw School of Dancing performed clever numbers and the McGill Trio was heard in violin, cello and piano. Mme. Dobree played accompaniments.

Most wild mammals are farsighted. Notable exception are the baboons, which are near-sighted.

Ration Coupons

Ration coupons valid Wednesday are: Butter coupons Nos. 90 and 91; sugar coupons, Nos. 46 to 49 and preserve coupons, Nos. 35 to 36.

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Elizabeth Stewart Weds Air Officer

At a wedding ceremony performed at 4:30 on New Year's Eve in Calgary, Elizabeth Grant, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Stewart, Cadboro Bay, became the bride of Flt. Lt. John Cassels Cowans, A.F.C., son of P. P. Cowans and the late Mrs. Cowans of Montreal.

Given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Frederick A. Smith of Calgary, the bride wore a street-length, coral crepe dress made with an oval neckline and a double frill at the neck and bracelet-length sleeves. Her pill box hat was of black velvet and her accessories were black. She wore a coat of grey chinchilla and a corsage of pink roses and baby chrysanthemums. Mrs. Smith, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and wore a heavenly-blue draped dress with a blue feather hat and her corsage was of red roses.

FO. Edwards Roberts of Calgary was the best man.

The marriage was performed in the Lady Chapel at Protestant Cathedral at Calgary by Dean F. H. Smye.

A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Edith Smith poured and those who served were Miss Ethel Jones of Lethbridge and Miss Isabel Stewart of Victoria, sister of the bride. Dean Smye proposed the toast to the bride.

Following a short honeymoon at the Pacific coast, the bride, who is a member of the R.C.A.F. (W.D.), will resume her duties as messing officer at the R.C.A.F. station at Rockcliffe, Ont. Flt. Lt. Cowans is now stationed at an operational training unit on the Pacific coast.

P.-T.A. News

Willows—A. S. G. Musgrave will speak at the meeting tonight at 8 in the Willows School. This meeting will mark the 50th anniversary of the organization of the association.

Sir James Douglas—Dr. Henrietta Anderson will speak at the meeting tonight at 8. Radio Program. A quiz program will be presented by the Victoria and District Parent-Teacher Council between a team of three Parent-Teacher members, each, from Burnside and Margaret Jenkins schools, Wednesday, at 5:30, over CJVI.

Y.P. Societies

Langford—Colwood A.Y.P.A. Next meeting will be Thursday, at 8, in the Canadian Legion Hall, Langford.

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Club Calendar

St. Joseph's Senior Auxiliary, Friday, 3.

Liberal Women's Forum, Friday, 2:40; W. T. Straith, M.L.A., will speak... Municipal Chapter I.O.D.E., special meeting, Thursday, 10:30, headquarters... Lake Hill subdivision Catholic Women's League, Thursday, 2, Sacristy of the Sacred Heart Church.

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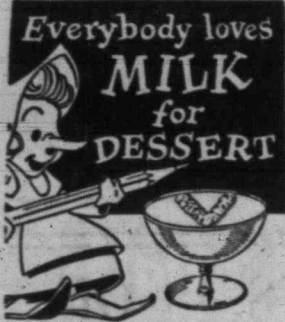
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F. Widdowson Dies; Was Noted Oarsman

One of Victoria's most famous rowers, Francis Widdowson, died at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday in his 76th year.

In 1898 Widdowson was a member of the original J.B.A.A. "Big Four" that traveled to Winnipeg for the Canadian championships. After defeating Winnipeg the Victoria crew lost to Toronto Argonauts in a turn race. It was the first time the locals had participated in such an event and their shell was not equipped with the gear to make the turn.

Other members of the crew were Dan O'Sullivan stroke; W. J. Scott, No. 3 and Dave Jones, No. 2. Widdowson was the bow man. Only surviving member of the crew is Jones. Later Widdowson rowed as bow man for J.B.A.A. crews in North Pacific Association of Amateur Oarsmen regattas.

Born in Victoria, he was for many years in the electric light department of the city, and was a member of the National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Jessie L. King, Victoria; Mrs. Freda Beaton, Agassiz, and Mrs. Lillie Walters, of Horsely Cariboo; also a sister, Mrs. Katie Pound, of Port Angeles, and nine grandchildren. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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Investigate Costs In Saanich Schools

Saanich School Board unanimously re-elected Trustee Martin Nelson chairman for the fourth consecutive term, Monday evening. Capt. George McGregor, J.P., administered the oath to Trustees Nelson and Arnold Edmonds.

Suggestions of the board that the provincial government should bear a larger share of the cost of education will be contained in the letter which members decided to send to the commission of inquiry into educational finance. The board will also offer to send delegates to any regional hearing of the commission. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Saanich council.

In order to free other members of the board to give their attention to new school construction, Trustee Mrs. E. M. Bryce volunteered to assume a larger share of the routine work of school inspection.

According to a report from Dr. J. L. Gayton, public health officer, tests have been made on the new lighting in Saanich schools, which has been shown to be greatly improved. It was decided that tests should also be made on the lighting in the Mount Newton High School auditorium with the object of improving lighting conditions there.

Standing committees were named as follows: Finance and supplies, Trustee A. Edmonds, chairman, and Trustee Nelson; works and grounds, Trustee M. P. Paine, chairman, and Trustee Mrs. E. M. Bryce; education, Trustee E. C. Head, Mrs. Bryce and A. Edmonds. Representatives to the municipal council on health named were Trustees Nelson and Mrs. Bryce. Trustee Paine was named as a special committee of one to act on new building.

College Debaters Oppose University

"Resolved that University Education is Inadequate for Present Day Students' Needs" will be the topic of the annual debate between two students of Victoria College and two debaters of University of British Columbia.

Peter Olsen and Gloria Kendall will be Victoria's team defending the affirmative case tomorrow evening. Ronald Shepherd and Peter Castran will travel to Vancouver tonight, to meet Victoria's Parliamentary Forum at home tomorrow. The Victoria team will support the negative of the resolution in Vancouver. Judges in Victoria will be J. B. Clearhue and Maj. Cuthbert Holmes. Dr. J. M. Ewing, principal of Victoria College, said today the debate which is being held in the auditorium of the Central Junior High school commencing at 8, will be open to the public. Plans have been made by the Students' Council, to entertain the Vancouver students during their short visit. A small reception for the debaters, their families, the judges and student's council will be held after the event.

Berlin Threatens V-Bomb Increase

LONDON (CP)—Berlin radio Monday night promised increased bombardment of London with V-2 rockets, declaring "this terror" visited on Britain makes Allied bombing raids on Germany "much more bearable, since we know how much the enemy has to suffer."

The security silence in England on V-bombs was maintained, but it was disclosed 180 children were saved from injury when they arrived late at a disused school where they were to have eaten dinner. A V-bomb demolished it just before they arrived.

Another V-bomb hit a hockey field at a girls' school. It caused no casualties, but broke every window and door in the school—an hour after glaziers had finished replacing windows shattered in previous bomb damage.

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British gunners pull a six-inch army howitzer into position in Holland. A big crew is needed to handle these heavy guns and their area of fire is limited by their comparative slowness of movement from one position to another. The R.C.A.F. has revealed that their rocket-carrying planes pack the same wallop as these guns.



Rocket-carrying aircraft can blast targets hundreds of miles apart in a few minutes. Here an R.C.A.F. rocket Beaufighter, used against shipping is readied. Typhoons equipped with rockets are used with deadly effect against ground objectives.

83 Billion Dollar Budget Presented To U.S. Congress; Little Tax Change

WASHINGTON (CP)—President Roosevelt today asked Congress for \$83,000,000,000 for expenditures during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, but warned that battle developments might make the sum inadequate.

Declining to comment on the possible length of the war, the President said: "my only prediction is that our enemies will be totally defeated before we lay down our arms."

COMPROMISE FIGURE

The budget message estimated \$70,000,000,000 would be needed for war purposes, but said this was a compromise between a number of estimates submitted to the President, ranging from \$60,000,000,000 to \$80,000,000,000.

The message asked for \$17,000,000,000 less than the original estimate of \$100,000,000,000 for the current fiscal year.

No substantial tax changes were proposed and the message estimated that the Federal debt, now expected to reach \$252,000,

000,000 June 30 next, probably would be \$292,000,000,000 on the same date next year.

War expenditures were expected to decline in the next fiscal year because war construction and military equipment are "substantially complete" and "supply lines filled."

"The extent of that decline depends on the course of the war," the message said. "There has been over-optimistic speculation about the possible cut in war expenditures when major hostilities in Europe end and our main efforts are concentrated on the Japanese campaign."

MUST NOT UNDERESTIMATE

"We should make a great mistake if, in our military and budgetary planning, we underestimate the task of defeating Japan."

"Our task in Europe will not end with the cessation of hostilities there. The war will not be won unless we accept our share of responsibility for the administration of occupied territories and

for relief and rehabilitation of the liberated areas."

About one-sixth of the war appropriation is for lend-lease and for relief and rehabilitation. Lend-lease would be ended only when the war was ended, but relief and rehabilitation costs would continue indefinitely.

Veterans' pensions and benefit would take about \$2,623,000,000 of the non-war appropriation in the next fiscal year, more than double the estimate for the current fiscal year.

YEARS COMPARED

Here is the way Mr. Roosevelt broke down the budget, with comparisons with estimates for the current year and with the last full year for which exact figures are available—the 12 months ended June 30, 1944:

Expenditures in billions of dollars	1944	1945	1944
War	70,000	80,000	82,720
Interest on debt	4,500	5,100	5,400
Refunds	2,720	2,175	2,867
Veterans' aid	2,412	1,824	725
Other activities	3,368	2,902	1,932
Total	82,992	89,998	95,772

Food Shortages In Germany Lead to Anti-Nazi Actions

By THOMAS F. HAWKINS
BERN (AP)—New and possibly significant signs of anti-Nazi resistance appear to be springing up in Germany.

Due allowance must be made for the possibility that reports on conditions inside Germany are colored by enemy propaganda, but usually trustworthy private channels and German newspapers themselves give this picture.

The Communists are the best organized and the most persistent element working for the overthrow of the Hitler regime. The need for food causes another

large group to commit regular subversive acts against the Nazis. Fully pro-Ally organizations are almost non-existent.

The position of the industrialists who accepted and liked Hitler in the beginning is admitted to be obscure, but some sources say these businessmen now feel that Hitler and the Nazis must go in the interests of shrewd maneuvering that might bring a peace which would save German industrial production.

Imported slave labor forms the nearest thing to an underground as seen in other European countries.

Calgary to Admit 2 Canadian Japanese

CALGARY (CP)—Reversing previous decisions, the city council here by unanimous vote, has granted the applications of two Japanese to come to Calgary, subject to the checking of all facts and circumstances by the city commissioners acting in conjunction with the R.C.M.P. and the city police.

The two applicants are Jeanne Iwasa, 20, of Raymond, Alta., who desires to attend a 10-week course on tractors at the technical school, and Yoshio Noguchi, 24, chick-sexer, who asked for permission for his wife, Kanako Noguchi, to join him here. All said they were born in Canada and were British subjects.

Restrictions On Jews

LONDON (CP)—Britain is again restricting the transfer of Jews from the Balkans to Palestine, a Foreign Office spokesman said, but he denied a report that Britain was canceling a promise to give Palestine visas to all Jews arriving in Turkey.

Red Cross Notes

Brentwood—Annual meeting will be held Jan. 16 in the West Saanich Women's Institute Hall. Reports for the year will be read and election of officers will take place.

Housewives who like their macaroni curried or shell-shaped, rather than the straight tubular type, will welcome news of lifted restrictions on the number of brands, grades and styles of this product. However, because of the labor involved, fancier varieties may not appear immediately in grocery stores.

Professional Groups Spurn Labor Code

OTTAWA (CP)—Professional organizations and labor unions clashed before the National Labor Relations Board today on the question of whether engineers and other professional workers should be covered by the labor code.

Representatives of a group of 14 professional associations asked that they be excluded from the labor code, but covered under separate legislation which would provide appropriate machinery for collective bargaining.

Representatives of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and the Canadian Congress of Labor appeared to argue there should be no special legislation and that professional workers should have the same rights of collective bargaining under the labor code as all other workers.

The hearing arose out of earlier steps taken to interpret the definition of "employee" in the code. The code excludes persons "employed in a confidential capacity or having the authority to employ or discharge employees."

South Alberta

Winnipeg (CP)—Warmer weather was in sight for inhabitants of the prairies today following a fortnight of sub-zero temperatures.

Reports from Lethbridge, Alta., said a warm chinook wind was blowing. Snow was melting and the mercury jumped to 42 above. Milder temperatures and light snow were reported in Saskatchewan. Temperature readings at Regina were zero and at Saskatoon four above.

Manitoba and Lakehead districts remained frigid. Brandon,

400 More Canadians In Italy Scheduled For Leave at Home

By WILLIAM BOSS
WITH CANADIAN CORPS ON THE ADRIATIC (CP)—Four hundred men—twice the previous number—will comprise the next batch of Canadian troops to go on home leave from the Italian theatre, following the original detachment which went before Christmas.

These men, who qualify by virtue of five years' service, will depart soon, according to a statement from corps headquarters.

Just as the number has been raised, the basis of selection also has been changed from the pre-Christmas plan. That was on a system of points for service. Now, on the basis of one point for each month's continuous service overseas not in a theatre of operations and two points for each month's continuous service in a theatre of operations, the men must obtain a minimum of 80 to qualify for consideration.

TIME HELD OUT

However, time spent undergoing field punishment, detention or sentence for more serious offences will not count toward determining the length of service. This restriction also held force in consideration of qualifications for the first detachment.

There will be no more extra points for men in field formations—a move to avoid placing wounded at a disadvantage and to give a fairer chance to long servicemen posted to base units in Italy. Nor will extra points be given for decorations.

There are 2,866 men with more than 80 points. Top priority goes to 37, leaving 363 vacancies for the remainder.

Names of all eligible men are being sent to their units, together with instructions to their commanders regarding the proportion that can be sent. The units themselves have final decision as to their eligibles.

The number of officers to go on home leave will be based strictly on the percentage of officers to men in the Italian theatre.

Beet pulp and other pectic substances are now used as a source of vitamin C by a process recently developed; this vitamin, ascorbic acid, is widely used in healing wounds.

Man, reported 14 below, Winnipeg 11 below and Port Arthur 22 below. Other temperatures, in Alberta, were: Calgary 31 above and Edmonton 22 above.

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PLANET JUPITER HAS
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AS GREAT AS EARTH

The earth is one of the nine main planets which go around the sun. That is a well known fact, but can you tell just how it compares in size with the other planets?

Four planets are larger than the earth. Three others are smaller, and still another, Pluto, probably is smaller. The exact size of Pluto has not yet been learned.

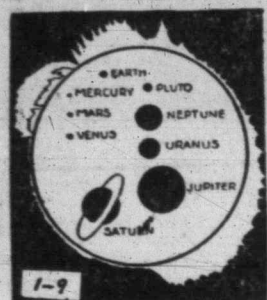


Diagram of nine planets inside the sun. The flames shown outside the sun's rim were observed during a total eclipse.

The three planets known to be smaller than the earth are Mercury, Mars and Venus. Venus comes close to being the same size as the earth, and is called the earth's "twin sister". The diameter of the earth is close to 8,000 miles, and the diameter of Venus is about 7,700 miles.

Mercury, the closest planet to the sun, is much smaller than the earth. It has a diameter, in round figures, of only 3,100 miles. Mars is larger than Mercury, but smaller than the earth. The diameter of Mars is about 4,200 miles.

Although we are not quite sure of Pluto's size, it ranks among the smaller planets. Probably it is no larger than the earth, and it may be as small as Mercury, or a bit smaller.

Now we come to the big planets. Neptune has a diameter of about 33,000 miles. This means that it is four times as "thick" as the earth.

Uranus is a little smaller than Neptune, having a diameter of 31,000 miles. Yet it is of far greater size than the earth.

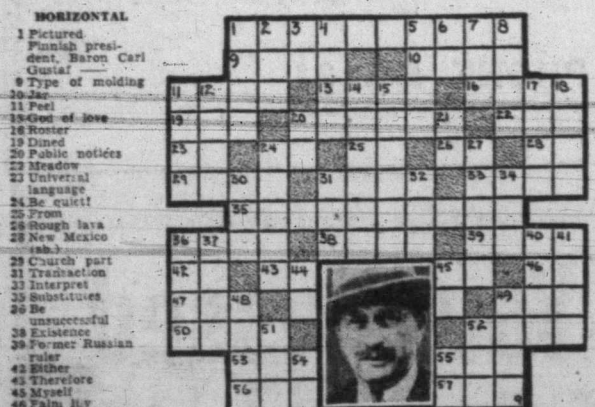
Saturn is the second largest planet. This beautiful heavenly body is flattened at the poles more than any other planet in our solar system. Its diameter at the equator is about 75,000 miles, which is more than nine times the diameter of the earth.

That figure is for the solid part of Saturn. Besides the central ball, there are huge "rings" around the planet. The rings stretch far out into space.

Largest of all the planets is Jupiter. Its diameter at the equator is 88,700 miles, or more than 11 times that of the earth.

For Astronomy section of your scrapbook.

Today's Crossword Puzzle



ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Saanich Pound Under Repair

Improvements suggested by the S.P.C.A. for the repair of the Saanich pound have been undertaken. It was reported at a meeting to the society last week.

A stove has already been installed and a new roof is being constructed to replace the old one which leaked badly. The sides of the pound building are also being repaired and runways to the kennels will be constructed. During the month, it was reported 13 cases of injured or sick animals were cared for, including injured seagulls, injured dogs, sick stray puppies, one found dove, and one case of a dog left without shelter over Christmas.

There were also 61 investigations of cases carried out and thirteen sick or injured animals destroyed. Homes were found for eight dogs and 19 cats. There were 276 telephone calls to the society office and 35 personal calls.

The society's signs requesting drivers to avoid running down animals are being repaired and placed in prominent positions on the Island Highway.

Lieut. J. E. Francois Commands Corvette

Lieut. J. E. Francois, R.C.N.R., of Victoria, commands the corvette, H.M.C.S. Thorlock, recently commissioned in the east and now in service on the Atlantic.

His wife, who makes her home at 250 St. James Street, went east to take part in the commissioning ceremonies. On her way out to sea, Thorlock put into Thorold on the Welland Ship Canal, which Ontario town has adopted the corvette.

Lieut. Francois, on behalf of the ship's complement, received from Mayor William A. Hutt of Thorold an engraved silver tray and other useful gifts presented to the ship by the corporation of Thorold, public organizations and citizens. Thorlock, a tiny black sloop, was presented to the ship as a mascot.

Visit of the Thorlock to Thorold was the occasion of a big civic demonstration with bands and speeches, while thousands of the city's populace swarmed over the newly-commissioned corvette. Lieut. Francois, a native of New York first saw service afloat in 1911 when he shipped as a midshipman on Canadian government Merchant Marine freighters. He joined the naval service as skipper aboard the Malaspina and after some time on the coast was made commanding officer of H.M.C.S. Noranda. His father was a former chef at the Empress Hotel.

Scout News

NORTH QUADRA TROOP

Weekly meeting was held in the Scout Hall. After inspection instruction was given in signaling and patrols. Eric Townley passed second class signaling. A court of honor followed, in which arrangements for B.P. week were discussed.

Sharp Division Likely to Develop On City Tax Rate

When the City Council gets around to 1945 budget discussions, in a month or so, a sharp division will probably develop on the tax rate question.

Mayor P. E. George has already indicated his unwillingness to delay retirement of obligations and forego more adequate maintenance of physical assets merely to hold the mill rate down. Statements in his inaugural address have clearly enunciated that stand.

Finance Committee Chairman Ald. Fred A. Willis takes a similar view. In his opinion the city follows a wrong policy when it cuts the rate in good times and is forced to raise it in a depression.

Following the current run of prosperity, he anticipates a period of reduced revenue by the city. In preparation for that period, he favors implementation of legislation which enables the city to establish special funds for specified projects. With that in view he would recommend allocation of half the \$200,000 cash receipts from the lands department in 1944 to a special reserve fund. In his opinion all returns from that branch should not be placed in the general pot for lowering of the mill rate.

Other members of the council are inclined to agree with the mayor and finance committee chairman.

They will encounter opposition from those council factions which have continued advocacy of tax rate cutting during the last eight years, and who have consistently maintained the action was taken for the benefit of the small home owner.

In contradiction of the latter argument, aldermen will point out that a mill increase will make less than \$2 difference in taxes paid by the average home owner.

History Society Elects Council

Annual meeting of Victoria section, British Columbia Historical Association was held in the Provincial Library Monday evening when F. W. Laing, for the scrutineers' committee, announced the result of the mailed ballot for the council as follows:

Miss Madge Wolfenden, John W. Curtis Sampson, Miss Muriel Galt, Maj. H. Cuthbert Holmes, Mrs. M. R. Cree, E. W. McMullen, Maj. Harold Nation, Dr. J. A. Pearce, Dr. T. A. Rickard and E. G. Rowebottom.

Officers will be elected at the first meeting of the council. Reports were read by Mrs. M. R. Cree, honorary secretary and Miss Madge Wolfenden, honorary treasurer, showing the section to be in good and progressing condition.

NECROLOGY

Miss Alma Russell, chairman of the necrology committee, paid tribute to all the old-timers who have died in the last year. She said 171 persons who lived here 50 years had passed away, and of these 35 had been born in Victoria. She mentioned Mrs. E. Hammond King, Mrs. R. B. McKicking, Walter Chambers, William H. Gardiner, Herbert Carmichael, Mrs. William Grant, Mrs. Joseph Hunter, W. J. Taylor, K.C., John Deah, Walter Anderson, Charles E. Wilson, Joseph E. Wilson, Mrs. A. J. Bolton and Mrs. M. R. Jamieson.

E. G. Rowebottom, chairman of the historic sites committee, in his report showed several plaques were placed during the year and announced the Nanaimo bastion will be marked with a plaque in memory of Joseph William McKay, fur trader, explorer, legislator and founder of Nanaimo, who lived from 1829 to 1900.

ADDRESS ON SPAIN

For his presidential address, Mr. Justice H. B. Robertson prepared an historically valuable address on Spanish attempts to found a settlement at Nootka, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Showing diligent research, the address covered the history of Spain from 1493 when the Spaniards based their claims to territory in this part of the world on a Papal bull.

Mr. Justice Robertson traced the history of the coast to the time when Britain and the United States came into conflict over the Oregon boundary. He compared ill-feeling then with the splendid relations of today.

"There were hard feelings then, but the United States and Canada are now working and fighting together in the great fight for the four freedoms," he said.

Wool waste to clean greasy machines is replaced in part, at least, with a material made from peanut shells, rice hulls, corn cobs and other farm wastes.

Oak Bay School Children Have Chest X-Rays



Posed in front of the mobile X-ray unit operated by the Division of Tuberculosis Control of the Provincial Board of Health are the staff that are X-raying more than 300 students and staff at Oak Bay High School. Left to right are: Nurse Helen Dixon, Miss C. I. Cockell, Oak Bay school nurse; S. J. Smith, X-ray technician, and Nurse Helen Findlay.

Get Behind Leaders, Urges Mayor George

A prophecy that if 1945 saw the conclusion of hostilities in Europe government bodies would find themselves completely unready to meet the crisis either of changing from war to peace economy or of changing from European to Pacific war strategy, was made by Mayor Percy E. George, speaking to Monday's luncheon meeting of the Gyro Club.

He urged his listeners that they should all get wholeheartedly behind the government leaders, and for those leaders know that they had the confidence of the citizens of this country, not only in the national, but also in the provincial and civic government spheres. "The men who are returning have a right to come back and expect an expression of practical gratitude," he said. "And they will look to the City Council here for this."

He criticized past policies that had continued a low mill rate and not provided for the building of a fund for reconstruction and rehabilitation work.

Mayor George asked Gyro members to bring forth any ideas they might have for rehabilitation, and submit them to the proper governmental authority.

He scored the apathy and indifference that was evident in civic politics prior to his running in the last municipal election. As a means of helping overcome such apathy he suggested that the teaching of civics might be emphasized in junior high school and senior high school grades.

He also commented on the untidy and dirty appearance of Victoria harbor, with floating debris. He pointed out that in the post-war period Victoria would need once again to look to the tourist trade for a great deal of its prosperity, "and we should see that our front door is clean," he remarked.

Ptyrria, or inflammation and destruction of the gums supporting the teeth, may be due to deficiencies in the diet, more specifically to lack of part of the B complex vitamins.

Safecrackers Get \$643



Blasting off the door of the office safe of Stocker's Security Storage and Warehouse Co. Ltd., 1009 Blanshard Street, during the weekend, yeags made a haul of \$643 in cash and cheques. The safe-crackers used a large charge of nitroglycerin which shattered the heavy steel door as shown above.

Whittaker Favors Building Scenic Drive

A letter from Hon. Norman W. Whittaker, M.L.A. for Saanich, was received by Saanich Board of Trade at their meeting in Brentwood Monday evening, stating that he was prepared to urge completion of the scenic drive around Saanich peninsula upon the provincial government.

It was proposed that Saanich council undertake to supply householders with water from the Stewart well, but it was explained that due to the supply

of water available, only a limited area could be served and little could be done pending submission of a by-law to the residents affected.

The Board of Trade endorsed a resolution of the Saanich council asking the provincial government to assume the cost of all schools.

Huge catfish inhabit all the great rivers of South America; the Iqu-lau of the Guianas and the Amazon grows to be from 10 to 12 feet in length and to weigh over 200 pounds; its flesh is good eating.

The BAY'S Half-Day Clearances
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—Women's Coats, Fashion Floor at THE BAY

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Regular 1.15 **59¢**
Soft white leather laced boots with semi-hard soles. Sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6. Grand for baby's first steps.

Children's Raincoats

Well-cut roomy capes made from durable, waterproofed oiled cloth. Two styles, with or without hood. Green and brown mottled pattern. Sizes 4 to 14 years. **129¢**

—Children's Wear, Fashion Floor at THE BAY

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—Gloves, Street Floor at THE BAY

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—Notions, Street Floor at THE BAY

Men's White Broadcloth Shirts

100 men's shirts, regularly priced at 3.00 and 4.00, reduced to this clearance price because of slight soiling and broken lines. Neckband style, without collar. Sizes 14 1/2 to 16 1/2, only. **195¢**

Men's Cardigan Sweaters

Strong-wearing cotton and wool yarns, in air force shades only. Finished with 2 pockets. Small and medium sizes. **195¢**

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Strong-wearing all-wool sweaters in fine-ribbed stitch. Medium and large sizes. Grand for men in the army. **250¢**

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100 only, in collar-attached style. Full fitting, double stitched, finished with 1 pocket. Coat style, in sizes 14 1/2 to 17. **59¢**

Clearance of 150 Men's Garments

Khaki shirts, sizes 14, 14 1/2, 15. Regular 2.00. Grey shirts, sizes 14, 14 1/2, 15. Regular 1.99. Print shirts, sizes 14 1/2, 15. Regular 1.00. Full dress shirts, sizes 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. Regular 3.50. Sleeveless sweaters, small sizes. Regular 1.39. Swim trunks, sizes 34, 36, 38. Regular 1.95. **75¢ EACH**

—Men's Furnishings, Street Floor at THE BAY

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

WHEN SEVERAL HUNDRED basketball fans braved the elements Saturday night to sit in on that spine-thriller between Pat Bay Gremlins and Seattle Alpine Dairy it was the best proof in the world that top-notch cage attractions will draw the sports public here this winter. The fans from Pat Bay showed the home supporters they can hold their own against the toughest kind of competition when they nosed out the visitors by a single point. Don't forget Alpines have won the Pacific Northwest A.A.U. tournament in Seattle for three consecutive years.

CHATTING TO Tommy Werner, manager of the Alpines and a great player in his own right a few years back, he expressed a keen desire to return with his club for the proposed two-night tournament later in the season. "I think such a competition would prove a great success, and certainly would like the opportunity to participate in such an affair," he said. "The rest of the boys and myself really appreciate your rating our club worthy of an invitation." I also had a talk to the members of the Gremlins and they were 100 per cent in favor of the tournament. "Sure we'll be glad to play," declared Porky Andrews, acting as spokesman for the remainder of the boys. "Just make the competition good and tough, as we go better up against the best."

DURING the course of the Gremlins-Alpines battle Saturday night I happened to glance over at the visitors' bench, and sitting there big as life was Hans, jovial owner of the Alpine Dairy, sponsors of the team. His presence brought back memories of another great cage tilt at the High School several years ago between Alpines and Victoria Dominos. Rivalry between the two clubs was at fever heat. With the clubs battling point for point and time running out, Hans jumped to his feet to protest a call against one of his players by the referees. He became so critical that the refs promptly called a technical foul against him, and then he really was mad. But the climax was really funny. As Hans squirmed around on the bench muttering to himself, some rabid Victoria female fan promptly hit him over the head with her umbrella and remarked: "Now, maybe you'll keep quiet." Saturday night, Hans was taking no chances and never opened his mouth. Despite his silence, I noticed him glancing nervously around every now and then just as if he was making sure there would not be a repeat performance on his noggin.

FIRST DIVISION footballers got back into action Saturday under trying conditions and Victoria Machinery Depot proved better mudders than the Wests. The shipbuilders do well in the heavy going as it was under similar conditions that they smothered Nanaimo, 7 to 1, earlier in the season. After getting a 3 to 0 lead the Wests made the mistake of easing off. I know it was not intentional, but just one of those things. The boys just can't try as hard when riding on a three-goal margin. And in the second half the younger Wests didn't come back and flush their opponents off their feet as most of their enthusiastic supporters figured. When it was all over, both teams were ready to call it a day as they wearily dragged themselves to the dressing rooms.

Another British Ban Removed

Steeplechasing Resumes

By ALLAN NICKLESON

LONDON (CP)—Steeplechasing, which has been banned in Britain during the war—returned to the turf at Christmas after an absence of nearly two and three quarter years. Relaxation of the ban is regarded as still another example of the improved war situation.

The National Hunt program, approved by the government, called for 28 one-day meetings at four tracks, covering dates from Dec. 26 to March 31. Windsor and Cheltenham will be the southern England tracks, with Wetherby and Catterick catering to northern England.

Between 400 and 500 jumpers are in training for the season, although some, mainly the long-distance performers, won't be in condition until late this month. Most of the horses have been on grass since the ban, introduced because of the difficulty in obtaining special foodstuffs for 'chasers during winter and because of the greater winter strain on general transport, such as railways, which normally would transport horses from one meet to another.

Announcing resumption of the sport, National Hunt stewards made it clear they were complying with government wishes in instructing that no horses would be allowed to run that were located outside Britain on June 1, 1941, or that have been out of the country since that date.

The ruling strikes primarily at horses shipped to Eire for racing in that neutral country after the ban here and also at horses owned by Eire stables. It also hits English owners who purchased Eire-bred animals in the belief they would be able to participate at the start of English racing. Now they must wait until regulations are relaxed—probably next season.

TRANSPORT REGULATIONS
The government also introduced a transport regulation

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Harness Racing Has No 4-F Or Betting Worries

NEW YORK — If it were purely a question of manpower, harness racing is probably the only spectacle sport in the country that could carry on should the government require all 4-F's to leave the sports picture.

The reason is that a goodly number of the men connected with that clannish activity were practically over age during the Spanish-American war. There is no other strenuous sport that has so many wrinkled, wiry old codgers holding every job from stable hand to driver.

In fact, the tense, goggled gents curled up in the sulks and clucking softly to their trotters and pacers seldom hit their peak until they pass the 40-year mark, and most of the top men either are hugging 50 or well beyond that milestone.

60 OR BETTER

Henry Thomas, who drove Hambletonian, is about that age. Ben White, who has three Hambletonians to his credit, is in his 70's. One of the top men up around Saratoga racetrack is little Billy Berry, who is 67. And if you go into the barns and check the stable hands you'd find them 60 or better.

Harness racing probably is the only type of animal racing that could, in many instances anyway, exist without legalized wagering. Before the war it was a fixture at county fairs and other sites where gambling was prohibited.

There are enough true lovers of the sport as a sport to make meetings possible through attendance fees alone. The owners and drivers aren't in it primarily for profit. They're in it because to them it is life itself. They might be a little among themselves, but so do most golf foursomes.

Anyway, and getting back to the main proposition, the 4-F problem doesn't bother the harness men. They're all A-1 guys.

Harlem Trotters In Win Over Fort Lewis

SEATTLE (AP)—The Harlem Globetrotters held high scoring basketball games Monday night and posted their second triumph over the army team, 43 to 26. They had beaten the Warriors in Spokane, 47 to 42. Babe Pressley was top tally marker for the Trotters with 12 points. Alpine Dairy continued its Northwest League record of no losses in the preliminary game by trouncing the Tacoma Cameranos 37 to 18.

Bob Gracie Leads Minor Ice Scorers

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—Bob Gracie, Pittsburgh star, scored five goals and four assists last week to jump from fourth to the top of the American Hockey League's individual scoring race.

His spree brought his total to 48 points, four more than Tom Burlington, Cleveland, who a week ago was deadlocked with Paul Courteau, Providence, for the No. 1 spot. Courteau dropped to a tie with Les Cunningham, Cleveland, near the bottom of the "Big 10," each with 42.

Postpone Meeting Of W.I.L. Wednesday

TACOMA (AP)—Western International Baseball League directors will not meet here Wednesday as planned. League president George Abel said the manpower situation made for uncertainty and the league would await developments at the Pacific Coast League meeting.

NAMED ICE COACH

WINNIPEG (CP)—Pte. Bob Kirkpatrick, formerly with New York Rangers in the National Hockey League, has been named coach of St. Boniface Athletics in the Winnipeg north division junior league. He succeeds Ted Colvin. Kirkpatrick played amateur hockey for Regina and Lethbridge, Alta., before turning pro.

REGINA (CP)—Regina Commandos rebounded from their worst defeat of the season at the hands of Moose Jaw Canucks last Saturday to beat the same Canucks 5 to 2 here Monday night in a Southern Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League game.

Commandos took a 10 to 3 pasting Saturday. Their win left them in second place and Canucks way out in front.

Regina scorers were Jimmy Fairburn, Billy Pates, Les Gawthrop, Jake Klassen and Paddy Ryan. Clarence Marquess and Metro Prystal counted for Canucks.

Moving Fast in Checkers



Lucky looker Martha Gray shows you how to spend a winter's day provided you are at Cypress Gardens, Fla., and capable of aquaplaning at a mile-a-minute clip in water sport show for members of the armed forces.

League Basketball Roofers Beat Services

Victoria Roofing cagers strengthened their hold on the number one spot in the senior B men's division of the city league by marking up a 33 to 28 victory over United Services Monday night. In men's senior C section tilt West Road humbled Hillcrest 40 to 19 and Chinese Students smothered Douglas 35 to 17.

After being down 10 to 9 at the first quarter the Roofers pulled ahead in the second to enjoy a 22 to 15 margin at half-time. In the second half the Services led by Hank Rowe, who was top scorer of the game with 16 points, put on a great closing rally but fell four points short.

Joe Travis, turning in his smoothest exhibition of the season, paced the Roofing with 15 points, while Clarkson dropped through 11.

Teams and scores follow: United Services — Steward Long, Wozny 1, Welsh, Rutherford 2, Rowe 16, Sheppard 1, King 2, Millburn and Primmer 2. Victoria Roofing — G. Taylor, Creed 3, Travis 15, James, Clarkson 11, MacKay 4, D. Taylor.

Hillcrest — Jagat 7, Bhagat 5, Zub, Harbans 2, Spooner, Isaac 3, Sarban and Argin 2. West Road — R. Benn 13, E. Butler 8, J. Doney 12, B. Genn 5, W. Butler and A. Aspinall 2.

Douglas — G. Brown 2, B. Adams 0, R. Barrett 6, Nickolas 9, R. McCormack, S. Walters, R. Scoble, A. Hunt, D. Allen and J. Pye.

Chinese Students — G. Lowe 14, B. Mar 11, W. Lee 10, T. Mar 18, J. Fong, W. Derr 9, H. Quon 3 and J. Lore.

WEDNESDAY GAMES

Games scheduled for Wednesday night follow:
High School
7:00 — Eagles vs. Comets, women's division.
8:00 — Combines vs. K.V.'s, intermediate A boys.
9:00 — Tommy Tuckers vs. United Services, senior B-men.
Y.M.C.A.
7:00 — K.V.'s vs. St. Louis College, midget boys.
8:00 — K.V.'s vs. St. Louis College, junior boys.

WILLIAMS WINNER

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Ike Williams of Trenton, N.J., won a decision over Willie Joyce of Los Angeles in a 12-round lightweight bout here Monday night. Williams weighed 133½, Joyce 133.

They'll Do It Every Time



Montreal Royals Dominate Hockey Picture in Quebec

MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal Royals continued to dominate the Quebec Senior Hockey League picture with a commanding lead in the league standings to date, while Valleyfield Braves seemed well on the way to the leadership of the Interprovincial Hockey League, new senior-B loop operating in its first season.

The Royals, with 12 games behind them, have piled up 21 points, and have only one loss charged against them. One game was a draw. The Quebec Aces, winners of the Allan Cup last year, are trailing with 13 points, but have only played 10 games so far.

The Aces have had difficulties in keeping up with their schedule in the provincial capital and have had to postpone three games in recent weeks. During the holidays, games were canceled because of traveling conditions, and last week-end the Aces were delayed five hours in leaving Ottawa and could not reach Quebec in time for a scheduled Sunday afternoon game.

The Ottawa Commandos and Hull Volants are hopelessly in the cellar, Commandos earning five points in nine games, while the Volants have been able to gather only three points in 11 games.

Former N.H.L. Stars Will Go Overseas

MONTREAL (CP)—Three former National Hockey League players, now with the R.C.A.F., have passed their medical examination for overseas service, it was learned here today.

The former players are Syd Abel, formerly with Detroit Red Wings and whose home is in Detroit; Frank Boucher of Ottawa, who was loaned for a few games to New York Rangers by New York Rangers; and Jim Haggerty of Port Arthur, Ont., who played for Montreal Canadiens.

NILS TREMBLAY LEADS

MONTREAL (CP)—Nils Tremblay of Quebec Aces headed the Quebec Senior Hockey League scoring parade today with 32 points, 13 goals and 19 assists, leading his nearest opponent, Jack Carthy of Montreal Royals, by five points. Carthy had piled up 27 points on 11 goals and 16 assists.

HUDLIN GOES DOWN

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Willis Hudlin, 38-year-old right hand pitcher, has been returned by St. Louis Browns to the Little Rock Club of the Southern Association.

Hudlin came to the Browns in August of last season and appeared in one game.

Snead Wins Los Angeles Golf

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sam Snead, Hot Springs, Va., won the Los Angeles open golf tournament Monday with a 72-hole total of 283.

Snead, chalking up his third victory in the last five tournaments of the winter tournament season, dropped a short putt on the 18th for a birdie and his first victory in a Los Angeles open. It gave him a last-round 69.

The putt enabled him to displace Harold McSpaden, Sanford, Me., as well as to stave off the last-hole challenge of Byron Nelson, Toledo, Ohio.

McSpaden, with a final 70, finished with 284, tied with Nelson, who missed a 20-footer and a chance to tie for the lead.

Snead came from behind to overtake four others. He passed up Nelson, biggest money winner and leading golfer of 1944; Johnny Revolta, Evansville, Ill.; Ray Mangrum, Los Angeles, and Sam Byrd, Detroit, Mich. Byrd and Revolta led the Virginians by two strokes at the end of the third round. Nelson and Mangrum were a shot ahead.

Snead took first money, \$2,666 in war bonds, and Nelson's 284 gave him \$1,600 in bonds, the same as McSpaden. Byrd, winning \$1,066, followed with 285. Revolta and Mangrum shared the 287 bracket, and Sgt. Jim Ferrier, Camp Roberts, Calif., carded a four-round total of 288.

Leaders along with their scores and prize money followed:
Sam Snead, 214-283; \$2,666; Byron Nelson, 213-284; \$1,600; Harold McSpaden, 214-284; \$1,066; Ray Mangrum, 213-284; \$1,066; John Revolta, 212-287; \$866; Sgt. Jim Ferrier, 216-287; \$866; George Fazio, Pine Valley, N.Y., 216-289; \$600; Denny Shute, Akron, O., 219-290; \$466; Leland Gibson, Randolph Field, Tex., 215-290; \$466; Chick Rutan, Detroit, 219-290; \$466; George Schreiner, Salt Lake City, 215-291; \$320; Sgt. E. J. Harrison, Dayton, O., 213-291; \$320; Les Kennedy, Pawtucket, R.I., 221-292; \$231; Willie Hunter, Pacific Palisades, Calif., 223-292; \$231; Claude Harmon, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., 220-292; \$231; Leonard Dodson, Kansas City, Mo., 218-293; \$177; Herman Barron, White Plains, N.Y., 223-293; \$177; Gene Kunes, Hollywood, Fla., 219-293; \$177; Mike Turnesa, White Plains, N.Y., 219-294; \$66; Olin Dutra, Los Angeles, 222-294; \$66.

Leading amateurs: Oliver Sleppey, Los Angeles, 220-290; \$100; Ed Furgol, Detroit 220-298, \$50.

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Curious Cycle Hits Major Hockey Clubs

Intermediate Rugby Game Set Saturday

Rugby teams will swing back into action Saturday afternoon when Victoria College and Victoria High School intermediate clubs meet at Macdonald Park, starting at 2:30. It will be the final game in the first half of the schedule.

Play in the second half of the Intermediate League schedule will commence on Wednesday, Jan. 17, with Victoria High School playing hosts to Oak Bay High School at Fernwood Road. Meeting yesterday, the Rugby Union decided to make the second half of the schedule a one-round affair, with the winner meeting Victoria College, first-half champions, in a sudden-death game for the city title.

Tentative plans are being made for a provincial championship series between the Victoria winners of the Intermediate League honors and the Vancouver titlists. Proposal calls for the games to be on a home-and-home basis.

R.C.A.F. Bolsters Ice Hockey Lead

WINNIPEG (CP)—R.C.A.F. Bombers strengthened their hold on first place in the Winnipeg Interservices Senior Hockey League Monday night by defeating Winnipeg Army 6 to 3.

Don Gallinger, with two, Roy McBride, Bill Snider, Doug McQuig and Paul Platz netted for the airmen. It was the last league game for Pete Langelie, Alf Pike, Bob Whitehead and Platz, who have been posted elsewhere.

Bob Wiest got two goals for the soldiers and Bob Kirkpatrick the other.

SETS BOWLING MARK

WINNIPEG (CP)—Marge Gibson broke a 12-year-old Winnipeg women's five pin bowling mark of 975 last night when she rolled three games for a total of 1,012. Scores for the games were 388, 272, and 352. The former record was held by her sister-in-law, Viola Gibson.

V.M.D. PRACTICE

V.M.D. football team will hold a workout at Athletic Park tonight at 7. All players and others interested are asked to attend.

Oaklands School Wins Soccer Title

Centre-forward Ray Bennett's goal in the second half gave Oaklands School a 1 to 0 victory over George Jay yesterday afternoon and possession of the city schools junior soccer championship.

Charlie Lewis, president of the Victoria and District Football League, presented the Hudson's Bay Cup, emblematic of the championship, to the captain of the winning team following the match.

PORT ARTHUR HOCKEY

PORT ARTHUR (CP)—Port Arthur H.M.C.S. Griffin thumped Port Arthur West End Bruins in the Thunder Bay Junior Hockey League Monday night with OS. Penit-Lund bagging eight goals and assisting in another.

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The National Hockey League reaches the half-way mark of the 1944-45 schedule tonight. The schedule winds up March 18.

New York Rangers visit Maple Leafs at Toronto to bring the total number of games up to 75 and victory for the Leafs would place them within four games of the league-leading Montreal Canadiens and Detroit Red Wings.

Looking back on the records, an observer will note the rather curious cycle in which Montreal seems helpless against Toronto, while Toronto seems to be unable to get anywhere against Detroit, while the Red Wings in turn seem to be an easy prey for Montreal.

Thus the cycle is complete, and if it is any consolation to Montreal fans, they can look forward to six more games with Detroit, three at home and three away, while the Habitués have only four games left with the Leafs, two at Montreal and two at Toronto.

Toronto fans can derive some slight comfort from the fact that the Leafs have covered most of the road with the Red Wings, only four inter-city games left, one at Detroit and three at Toronto.

That's what the schedule says and if you want to base any predictions on past records, the odds seem to favor Canadiens.

AFTER SCORING MARK

Toe Blake, of Montreal is on the road to a new N.H.L. scoring record if he continues at the same rate in the second half of the schedule as he has in the first. In 25 games he has posted 17 goals and 25 assists for 42 points.

Scoring leaders follow:

Player	G	A	Pts.
Blake, Montreal	17	25	42
Richard, Canadiens	11	19	30
Howe, Detroit	14	27	41
Cowrey, Boston	12	27	39
Lach, Canadiens	19	27	46
Bruce, Boston	8	26	34
Hall, Detroit	13	25	38
Bodnar, Toronto	9	22	31
Carrozz, Detroit	8	20	28
Desmarre, Rangers	10	19	29
C. Smith, Chicago	9	17	26
Woolly, Detroit	15	9	24
Muskego, Chicago	14	10	24
Kennedy, Toronto	11	13	24
Jennings, Boston	13	10	23
Carr, Toronto	10	12	22
Armstrong, Detroit	8	15	23
Mack, Toronto	10	12	22
Cash, Boston	14	8	22
C. Smith, Boston	8	17	25
O'Connor, Canadiens	11	10	21
Davidson, Toronto	11	10	21
Warwick, Rangers	9	12	21
Goldup, Rangers	7	13	20
A. Jackson, Boston	6	13	19
Bouchard, Canadiens	4	15	19
Will, Toronto	11	7	18
Liscombe, Detroit	14	3	17
Schirmer, Toronto	11	6	17
Schultz, Cal.-Det.	7	10	17
Horech, Chicago	7	10	17
Makins, Detroit	8	9	17
Thurmer, Rangers	9	7	16
Grass, Det.-Cal.	5	11	16
Quackenbush, Detroit	5	11	16
Crawford, Boston	3	14	17
Cupino, Boston	3	12	15
Marlo, Boston	3	12	15
Miller, Canadiens	10	4	24
Pratt, Toronto	6	9	15

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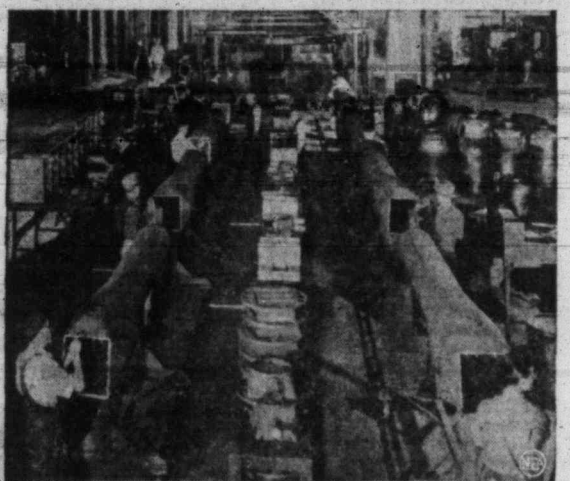
Robot Bombs Begin to Roll Off Assembly Lines in United States



Robot bomb jet-propulsion engine gets real workout.



Welding finishing touches on combustion chamber.



Partly completed robot bomb engines roll along assembly line.



Stacking "flying chimneys"—the engine cases for robot bombs.

"Made in America" robot bombs, copied from the Germans' V-1, are rolling off the assembly line of U.S. manufacturers. These are first photos released, showing mass production of "flying chimneys," or jet-propulsion engines for the robot bombs at the Ford Motor Co. plant, Dearborn, Mich.

Shot While Hunting Actress Paralyzed

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—Susan Peters, Hollywood film actress, accidentally shot during a hunting trip near Cuyamaca Lake, Jan. 1, is paralyzed from the waist down, but the condition is believed by her physicians as temporary. Mrs. Abby Carnahan of Santa Monica, her mother, said today.

Father of 5 to Hang

SUDBURY, Ont. (CP)—Alpha Proulx, 26, will be hanged in Sudbury at midnight for the murder of Joseph Dénie of nearby Capreol last April 24. Father of five small children, Proulx was convicted last October by an assize court jury. Evidence was to the effect that Dénie, 4-year-old Canadian National Railways cook, died of injuries from blows administered by Proulx.

Near-Starvation Diet In Occupation Marks French for Life

By ROSETTE HARGROVE
PARIS (NEA)—The Germans succeeded all too well in their sinister design to undermine the French nation's general health. This was fully confirmed in a report recently submitted to the Academy of Medicine by two doctors, Edmond Lesne and Ribes-Dumas, appointed by the rationing committee and by one of France's most eminent medical men, Prof. Pasteur Valléry-Radot.

Four years of restrictions and a near-starvation diet have undoubtedly left their mark on the great majority of French people, according to Prof. Valléry-Radot. The lack of essential foods, due in a large measure to mass German requisitions which absorbed nearly 90 per cent of France's foodstuffs, has seriously endangered public health.

HEAVY TOLL ON YOUTH

Furthermore, the toll on the youth of the country has been very heavy, particularly on infants. "Today 54 per cent of children under two suffer from rickets," Prof. Valléry-Radot says. "Infant mortality has risen from 2.46 per cent in 1939 to 4.68 per cent in 1941. The consequences of an unbalanced as well as deficient diet suffered by Parisian children during the last four years shows in the marked decline not only in average height but in average weight. Moreover, children are suffering from all sorts of ailments directly traceable to malnutrition."

Another grave danger is tuberculosis, which has shown a marked ascendancy during the last four years in adolescents between the ages of 15 and 19 and in adults between 20 and 24. During 1941—the hardest of the four years of German occupation from a nutritional point of view—the rise was something like 25 per cent and there were innumerable cases of incurable acute tuberculosis. Most men returning from forced labor in Germany, from prison and concentration camps, were found on examination to be suffering from the dread disease. On the other hand, people living in rural districts had a better chance of survival because of easier food conditions.

Middle-aged and old people lost as much as 20 pounds, workers were not only unable to work a full eight-hour day but were continually fighting fatigue, newborn babies were all underweight, and women became subject to all sorts of nervous disorders, because of calorie deficiency. Even the privileged few who were able to buy in the black market did not escape entirely because even they could not rely on regular supplies of essential foods.

Almost as great a hardship for the French people of all classes as the lack of meat, fats, sugar and vegetables was the disappearance of wine and coffee from the average table. Normally the working man drank a pint of wine with his meals. He could better have borne a much-reduced diet had he been able to fall back on his favorite drink.

Prof. Valléry-Radot is hopeful of the future, however. "It is not too late to nurse back to robust health those children who started life in such unfavorable circumstances. Our doctors struggled heroically during the last four years to limit the ravages caused by lack of certain foods, and there is no reason why the situation should not improve. Now that the Germans are no longer robbing us of practically everything we produced, there will be more than enough to go around and in a short time France's health should show definite signs of improvement."

Stork Scratched

VANCOUVER (CP)—This is the story of a nurse who slept in after a party and phoned for a taxi to "get me to the hospital quick."

Two seconds later the taxi was at the door. The nurse had scarcely got into the automobile when it started with a roar, turned the corner on two wheels and broke all traffic and speed laws. It swerved around and past streetcars, buses, trucks and everything else. Finally it ground to a stop at the hospital admitting door.

"I hope you're all right?" the driver panted as he opened the door. "I had a baby born in my cab once and that was enough."

LONDON—Brewers are paying soldiers on leave up to \$4 a day, plus four pints of beer, to wash and fill casks and pack and label bottles. The manpower shortage has been blamed for Britain's shortage and this is one way brewers are trying to overcome it.

Bisayan is spoken by about 45 per cent of the Philippine population, but it is not officially recognized because it is not spoken in the Manila area.

Stayed On Job



Margaret "Peggy" Henry of Paraskata, O., is back in Paris after a breath-taking escape through German lines in Luxembourg. The blonde Red Cross worker, known as the "Last Rose of No-Man's Land," was stationed within 1,000 yards of German lines at an army division rest club when the Germans launched their drive against the U.S. First Army. She continued working at her club during continuous bombing by the Nazis until the rumble of approaching enemy tanks could be heard. Ordered to cover, Peggy and two woman companions were aided by some soldiers as they crept along, hugging walls of buildings until they reached Bastogne, still under heavy fire, had Christmas dinner with the troops on the run, and finally managed to gain Mezières and safety.

British Briefs

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng.—From D-Day to Sept. 23, 1,002,955 tons of cargo were handled by the Southern Railway's docks here. Train ferries from here to Cherbourg completed 65 return trips in the same period.

LONDON—The total areas of land in England and Wales held by the War Department at June 30 was 428,000 acres. Supply departments held 35,500 acres.

BRIGHTON, Eng.—Hundreds of persons at Brighton and nearby Hove have been watching soldiers remove barbed wire entanglements from the promenades.

MALDON, Essex—Ten cottages for disabled men and two for widows who have lost sons in the war are proposed as a war memorial at Maldon.

LONDON—Ginger, a rabbit which is ship's pet on a British warship, has traveled 20,000 miles at sea and gone through three major invasions.

WOKING, Surrey, Eng.—Only two persons have been killed in air raids on Woking, although 434 bombs have been dropped.

LONDON—There are 9,600,000 radio licenses in force in Britain—250,000 more than at this time last year.

CHARTHAM—This town near the cathedral city of Canterbury has gained official recognition of its claim to being the first English town to be bombed by the Germans. Incendiaries fell at 4.15 a.m. May 10, 1940.

CARDIFF, Wales—It cost 6,000,000 drachmas postage to send a postcard to Cardiff from Athens. At prewar exchange rates this would have been £10,000 (about \$45,000).

TIVERTON—Italian prisoners of war were blamed for posters of Hitler, Mussolini and Oswald Mosley pasted on buildings of two Tiverton streets. Fascist symbols were marked on store windows.

LONDON—A new British machine, knitting at twice the speed of other appliances, has broken speed records in making rayon fabric. It makes more than 2,350,000 loops a minute, using 5,000 threads.

LONDON—Flt. Lt. Frank Addington, London, 31-year-old navigator in R.A.F. Coastal Command who flew the Greek royal family to safety in a Sunderland flying boat from Greece to Crete has been awarded the D.F.C.

NORWICH—Air raids since the beginning of the war have killed 78 civilians in Norfolk, excluding Norwich and Yarmouth, and injured 106 seriously.

LONDON—Shortage of rubber teats for babies' bottles, a major complaint of British mothers, is ended. Hugh Dalton, Board of Trade president, said recent production is double that of July and August.

REPTON—A police superintendent came off best when roving live chickens, alleged to have been stolen, were produced in court as evidence. During the hearing one of the chickens laid an egg which the superintendent promptly claimed.

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Film Star Faces Manslaughter Charge

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Manslaughter charges against actor Barry Fitzgerald growing out of

a traffic accident last March 15 were submitted to superior Judge William R. McKay Monday.

The 56-year-old Irish actor is charged with causing the death of Mrs. Mary Farrar, 87, struck and killed while crossing Hollywood Boulevard.

Counsel stipulated Fitzgerald had not been drinking, he stopped to render aid and lighting conditions made it hard for him to see Mrs. Farrar and her daughter, Mrs. Edna Torrance, who was injured.

LONDON—An appeal has been launched through Britain and the Empire for £100,000, about \$450,000 to help repair bomb-damaged Malta cathedral and build social centres for British servicemen at both Malta and Gibraltar.



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All members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Victoria Unit No. 15, Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, are requested to be present at the funeral of Mrs. F. R. Randall, on Wednesday, January 10, at 3 p.m., at the funeral home of Mr. F. R. Randall, 1015 Douglas St., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late treasurer and sick visitor, Mrs. F. R. Randall.

'Twackless Twolley'

Only trolley seen on the streets of Victoria today was a self-labeled "twackless twolley" operated by Eric Foster, who climbed back into his vehicle as soon as he had given his name, crawling in over a fellow "passenger" to get to the driver's seat because the other door wouldn't open. The "twolley" is an ancient vintage automobile rigged up with a baby's bathtub and trolley wire on the roof and a decrepit No. 13 in front. It belongs, so another sign says, to the "B.C. Eccentric Railway."

Other chalked signs urge riders to "Please move right down any aisle." "If power goes off please walk." "Save your gas coupons and walk." "Please refrain from spitting on the floor," and "Shop more from 10 to 4." "Kids under 45" are given half fare, and other cars are instructed to "Stop 20 feet back."

A hunk of iron is hung by the side to give the proper "clang clang" effect and a piece of wire netting is rigged up in front to simulate the old-style cow-catcher.

MEETINGS CANCELED
Victoria Home Economics Association postponed until Jan. 19.
Victoria Chapter Registered Nurses' Association meeting tonight canceled.
Women's Round Table meeting Wednesday evening canceled.

Fairfield-Depot will be open from 2 to 4 Thursday, in the Fairfield Sunday school room for the annual meeting.

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Vancouver 90% Normal Despite Strike

Pre-Arranged Emergency Plans Get Workers to Job In Good Time

VANCOUVER (CP)—Ninety per cent of workers in essential industries and services were on the job this morning, the first day of the strike of street railwaymen in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster.

Ideal weather—clear, dry and warm—enabled many to walk to work, and thousands of others rode to their jobs in automobiles, trucks, taxis and bicycles as pre-arranged emergency plans went into operation.

Vancouver war plants reported a minimum of disruption, with 75 to 95 per cent of workers on hand. City department stores said most of their employees had reported.

All street railwaymen on strike reported for work to comply with a strike formality—to be turned back by pickets at car barns. This formality will not need to be repeated while the strike lasts.

HEAVY AUTO TRAFFIC
Downtown streets had more than normal automobile traffic during the morning rush-to-work period.

All through the city residents could tell the walkout was in effect due to the unusual silence caused by the absence of the rattling trams. But there were hundreds of extra automobiles and trucks on the streets. There was no fog and Dominion government authorities had promised extra gasoline rations to transport workers in essential industries.

The army, the air force and the Vancouver police department all had made special arrangements for providing transportation for members of their own organization.

One shipyard reported that more employees turned up for work today than on an average Saturday, which is an absentee day. Nearly all firms were believed to have put into effect a pool car system.

Picket lines were established at all car barns in the cities. Union organizers completed plans several days ago for putting the strike into effect. All street railwaymen had been notified by union officials to appear at car barns at their usual times this morning even though they wouldn't be working.

Only trams running were special mail cars on interurban lines and these did not carry passengers. It was just about impossible to get a taxi except for an emergency. Although no official statement was made, it was believed that taxi drivers decided to support the street railwaymen to the extent of not carrying persons merely going to work.

B.C. Telephone Company officials reported a "terrific load" of calls Monday night due to citizens arranging transportation for this morning but calls were back to normal by mid-morning today. It was necessary to arrange special transportation for more than half of the company's 1,000 operators.

Auxiliary fire trucks were being used to get Vancouver fire fighters to and from their posts.

City Stores Feel Little Change Yet From Car Strike

Business in Victoria retained a surprising degree of normalcy on the first day of the streetcar strike as most stores and offices reported their staffs arriving on time, and in the majority of instances, the entire staff showing up.

Food stores in the downtown area were lacking in customers up to noon, although there were a few in most stores, possibly from Oak Bay, where the Blue Line buses are still running.

One store manager reported that his entire staff had arrived on time, although many of them lived in outlying districts. He said he had no knowledge as to how they had managed it; he had told them Monday night he expected them on time and they arrived.

Smaller grocery stores in neighborhood districts reported no increase in business as yet. One small store said that its business was away down because a lot of people dropped in as they came off the buses to pick up items they had forgotten in town. Another store, whose proprietress remembered the strike of 1916, said that she did not anticipate any material increase in her business unless the strike continued for some time. "Most people were warned and they stocked up for several days at least," she said.

Spencer's and the Hudson's Bay reported that their staffs had arrived pretty well on time, with no greater incidence of tardiness than usual. Up till noon they had noticed no great increase in telephone orders, although store customers were fairly scarce.

The liquor stores were not prepared to comment about business as yet, although they did not expect a very great drop in sales. As one store explained, "Most of our customers come in cars anyway."

Bike Rental Trade Reports Mild Boom

Victoria stores handling bicycles, both through rentals and sales, today reported a trade running from average to brisk.

One leading renter reported business "pretty good," particularly on machines taken by the day.

Another said approximately 20 had been rented in recent days. In sales, one firm said the trend was not noticeably improved.

It was believed the demand for bikes would grow as motorists, watching gasoline coupons dwindle, turned to more physical methods of locomotion.

Scores walked to work today in the early dark. Motorists opened their hearts and car doors to give lifts to those trudging along; but a limited number preferred to walk.

One trend was noticeable in several offices. Employees who find difficulty in catching proper cars, rose early to walk to work. In many cases they were picked up by passing cars and set personal records for the earliness of their arrivals.

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With Our Servicemen



Cpl. Robert Robertson, 24, who was reported missing in action overseas Oct. 17, is now officially reported a prisoner of war in Germany. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Robertson, 30 Simcoe Street, have been advised. Cpl. Robertson had previously been wounded in action in August, but returned to the line in September. Born and educated in Victoria, he enlisted with the 1st Bn. Canadian Scottish, later transferring to the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry.

He has a brother and sister in the services, LAC, George Robertson, in Trenton, Ont., and Lieut. Florence M. Neale, serving in England with the Canadian Women's Army Corps.



Lieut. D. J. Lawson, R.C.N.V.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lawson, 960 Foul Bay Road, who recently graduated from a command course at an eastern Canadian port, and is now commanding officer of a corvette. He has served aboard several ships of the Canadian navy in convoy escort and patrol duty, and has considerable sea time to his credit. Lieut. Lawson's wife, who formerly resided at 2349 Foul Bay Road, is at present in Toronto.

Western Air Command announces that 51 B.C. airmen recently graduated from training schools in No. 2 Air Command. Those from Vancouver Island are: Wireless air gunners, from SB and G school, Dafoe, Sask., Sgt. Clarence Davies, 680 Burnside Road, Victoria; Sgt. Harold Timberlanke, 2700 Beach Drive, Victoria.

Air bombers, from 5 A.O.S., Winnipeg, Sgt. Stanley Carlson, 518 Stirling Avenue, Nanaimo; from I Central Navigation School, Rivers, Man., Sgt. Thomas John, Sidney, B.C.; Sgt. Vincent Sewell, 576 Obed Avenue, Victoria; Sgt. Patrick Stanley, Hilliers, V.I.; from 7 A.O.S., Portage la Prairie, Man.; Sgt. D. S. MacLean, 1636 Hollywood Crescent, Victoria.

Air gunners—From 3 B and G school, Macdonald, Man., Sgt. Charles Cobb, Comox, V.I.; Sgt. John Harrison, 3913 Cumberland Road, Victoria.

CPO. W. Earl Eby, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Eby, of Prince Rupert, has just returned to Halifax, N.S., after spending 25 days' leave with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Minnis, 1825 Hollywood Crescent.

Sgt. S. Dobish of Victoria is listed among 12 British Columbia soldiers who have reached Canada with service personnel from overseas battlefronts. He is expected to arrive home within the next few days.

Stevenson, Housing Chief

Air Vice-Marshal Leigh F. Stevenson has been appointed Administrator of Emergency Shelter for Vancouver and Victoria, Donald Gordon, chairman of the Prices Board, announced today.

The appointment, following conferences with civic authorities, should ensure co-operation of all interested bodies and citizens generally, said Mr. Gordon. It would help resolve difficulties due to population congestion from the influx of war workers and families of members of the armed services.

Because of congestion in Vancouver, Victoria and other metropolitan centres, the government enacted emergency shelter regulations under which the board is empowered to appoint administrators in any area deemed congested.

Primarily the administrator will co-ordinate and centralize all agencies now listing accommodation and seek means of utilizing existing shelter to the best advantage. Action may also be taken by the administrator to restrain transfers of persons which would aggravate the shelter situation and non-essential immigration will be discouraged.

Air Vice-Marshal Stevenson recently retired from the R.C.A.F. and was due for prolonged leave but agreed to take on the duties of administrator.

He was on board—12 officers and 403 other ranks—and the vessel also carried men of the other services. After disembarking they were scheduled to start immediately for their homes, most of them going aboard special hospital trains at the docks.

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Wood Named Family Court Judge

Attorney-General R. L. Maitland, following a Cabinet meeting today, announced appointment of H. S. Wood, K.C., as judge of the new Family Court in Vancouver, with Arthur J. Cowan, Vancouver lawyer, as his deputy.

Mr. Maitland at the same time announced retirement of Judge Helen Gregory McGill as judge of the juvenile court, a position she has held for many years.

"The jurisdiction of the family court will be more extensive than at first anticipated and will involve a large number of statutes and Criminal Code sections," Mr. Maitland said.

Salary Increase For Magistrate

Salary of Magistrate Henry Hall has been raised to \$302.50 a month, according to a copy of an order-in-council received at the City Hall today.

The rate is effective from Jan. 1 and is payable by the city on the order of the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

His previous salary was reported by city officials to have been \$275 a month.

In Police Court

Melvin J. Paton, Leonti Gordienko and his attractive young wife, Mary M. Gordienko, appeared in city court today on a joint charge of assaulting a police officer. Trial of the two sailors and the woman was set for next Tuesday.

Ten motorists paid \$2.50 parking fines. Another driver, pleading guilty of speeding, was fined \$15.

R.C.A.F. Benevolent Fund On Satisfactory Basis

Conferring with the local committee on the R.C.A.F. Benevolent Fund, of which he is president, Air Vice Marshal K. G. Nairn, C.B., special adviser to the Minister of National Defence for Air, is at the Empress Hotel today from Ottawa.

The air marshal said the fund was now on a satisfactory working basis. This afternoon he went out to Patricia Bay and plans to go to Sea Island from there.

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Russians Within Range of Komarom On Danube's Bank

MOSCOW (AP)—Russian forces driving along the north bank of the Danube approached within gun range of Komarom today while a costly battle raged south of the river where the Germans are trying to reach the encircled Budapest garrison.

A three-mile advance north of the Danube Monday carried Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's troops to a point less than seven miles from Komarom, key communications centre for the region northwest of Budapest. There the Russians stood less than 30 miles east of the Austrian border and 57 southwest of Bratislava, Slovakian capital.

Dispatches said German troops last reported only 15 miles northwest of Budapest were shifting the weight of their attack southward in an apparent effort to cut through to the Hungarian capital from due west. The Germans were said to be using "large" tank forces. A Russian communiqué said Red Army forces had disabled or destroyed 90 German tanks in that area in one day's fighting.

23 Lose Lives In Clipper Crash

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Pan-American Airways reported today that 23 persons apparently were killed Monday night in the crash at Port of Spain, Trinidad, of a huge Africa-bound clipper.

W. O. Snyder, airlines manager here, said reports from the scene "indicated that 23 of the 30 persons aboard were lost." No Canadians were aboard.

The 26-ton plane, once known as the China Clipper, apparently crashed in the darkness while coming in to alight in a flare-marked area.

Early radio reports to the airline headquarters here indicated the ship broke up and sank. Navy divers went to work to raise the wreckage.

The only known survivors were picked up by boat not long after the crash.

Among the missing were a missionary, Paul J. Whitlock, 36, of New York, his wife and their three young children.

There were two known survivors from another family of five on the big plane. Charles Donald Williams, 29, of Rio de Janeiro and his daughter, Nancy Lou, seven, were saved. His daughters, Judith Carol, four, and Patricia Emily, two, were dead, and his wife, Margaret Elizabeth, 28, was missing.

The clipper carried a crew of 13 for the 7,000-mile flight to the Belgian Congo, a route which was opened only last September.

Burns Club will meet tonight at 8 in the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Ross Napier will speak. Others taking part in the program will be Miss A. Leask and Mrs. T. Dixon, vocalists; Miss Eileen Collier, violinist; Highland dancing, Misses Joan Auchinclove, Evelyn Watson, Beverley Hamilton, Mamie McAllister; pipe-major Donald Cameron.

Nazis Make Stand Along Reno River

ROME (AP)—After withdrawing five miles from fallen Saint Albert within the last two days, German troops retreating before Canadian units of the British 8th Army have made a stand along the southern bank of the Reno River east of Lake Comacchio. Allied headquarters announced today.

It was the first time in four days that Field Marshal Kesselring's troops had shown any inclination to fight in that sector.

Bitter winter weather and deep snowdrifts limited operations from coast to coast. In some areas south of Bologna the snow fell to a depth of more than 12 inches. White-clad reconnaissance parties were active on skis and snowshoes.

Monday night Canadian and British units of Lt.-Gen. McCreery's army had been reported fanning out along the banks of

FO. Alan Mayhew Now Presumed Dead



FO. Charles Alan Mayhew, R.C.A.F., 27, son of R. W. Mayhew, M.P., and Mrs. Mayhew, who was reported missing in air operations from a Ceylon base June 11, 1943, is now reported for official purposes as presumed dead.

FO. Mayhew captained a Catalina flying boat on reconnaissance over the Indian Ocean and he and his crew failed to return from the mission.

Alan enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in July, 1941, won highest marks in all his courses and gained his wings at Clarendon, Alta., in July, 1942. He proceeded overseas in the fall of that year, and served in England, Scotland and Ireland before being transferred to India in April, 1943. Within six weeks of his arrival in Ceylon he was reported missing.

Alan was educated at St. Michael's School, Brentwood College, Victoria College and graduated with a B.Comm. degree at the University of British Columbia. Besides his widow, Elva, he is survived by two children, Anne, 5 and Alan, 2.

Before enlistment, Alan was vice-president of the Sidney Roofing and Paper Co. Ltd. He was also a member of the Gyro Club.

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